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ROUMANIAN ARMY NOW SAFE BEYOND THE SERETH RIVER AND WILL RE-FORM UNDER SHELTER OF THE RUSSIANS

Force Will Be Re-Fitted and Prepared for Further Operations While Front is Held by Czar's Troops; Russian War Office Announces Teutonic Offensive Has Been Checked

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Roumanian army now is safe, according to news received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth river at Jassy and in Bessarabia, where they are being regrouped and refitted in view of further operations. The entire Roumanian front now is stated to be held by the Russians alone.

After the Bucharest-Ploechit line was lost, the story says, the Russian divisions sent forces of cavalry to support the retreat of the Roumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians and continued the withdrawal, halting when the Sereth was crossed. The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzen so as to permit engineers to construct a defensive front between Rimnik-Sarat and the Danube marshes, on which front, it is said, the Russians intend to stop the advance of the invaders.

The Teutonic offensive in Roumania has been arrested by the Russian fire, the Russian war office announced today. The statement, as interpreted by the British admiralty and collected by the wireless press, was made public as follows: "On the Roumanian front, in the region west and southwest of Rimnik-Sarat, our scouts made reconnaissance."

"In the region of the Filipești railway station and in the region of Ploechit the offensive of the enemy was arrested by our fire."

Berlin Report.
Berlin, Dec. 18.—No change in the situation on the Roumanian front is recorded in to-day's communication from army headquarters.

The statement follows: "In the Mestecanesc sector, east of the Golden Bystritsa, there was a violent artillery duel. Local engagements with varying success continued in the Uzul valley."

"Hostile columns retreating" to Bradul were attacked by our aeroplanes with visible success."

Thanks Bulgarian Troops.
In a special order the commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army expresses thanks to the officers and soldiers of that army for their recent victories, in which more than 100,000 Roumanians, the order states, have been taken prisoners and 2,000 cannon captured.

The order follows: "The almost complete wiping out of the Roumanian army and the virtual extinction of Roumania, which now seems probable and through which Bulgaria now is given satisfaction for her sufferings of three years ago, have caused this victory to occasion unusual rejoicing. Everywhere in our country divine services were held and demonstrations of joy by the people occurred in the streets in celebration of our triumph in this notable victory."

GERMANS ARE BUSY DIVIDING TERRITORY

Independence of Roumania No Longer Considered by the Huns

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—The Vossische Zeitung says that a territorial rearrangement based upon the idea of the independence of Roumania is no longer to be considered. This statement is followed by a declaration that Russia will receive Moldavia as an equivalent for a considerable territorial sacrifice, which is to be demanded of her.

Poland, the article adds, is to be made into an independent kingdom, Courland is to become a German federal state. Lithuania is to be incorporated in Prussia. Dobruja is to be returned to Bulgaria and Wallachia is to be divided between Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

DISCREDITS REPORT

Ex-Premier Bowser on Rumor of Coming Recall of Sir Richard McBride.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Ex-Premier Bowser, who is on his way home from New Brunswick, his native province, stated that he did not place much credence in the alleged report concerning the alleged coming recall of Sir Richard McBride. Mr. Bowser said he could understand that a number of new men coming to the legislature for the first time, and not understanding the usages in such circumstances, might suggest the recall of the former premier, but he thought the powers that be would hesitate before attempting anything of the kind. Sir Richard was appointed by virtue of statute and cannot be recalled except by the express decree of the legislature of the province. As for Sir Richard's ability to fill the office, Mr. Bowser said there could be no question.

PEERAGE CONFERRED ON SIR W. M. AITKEN

London, Dec. 18.—The king has conferred a peerage on Sir William Max Aitken and the Rt. Hon. Charles B. Stuart-Wortley, members of parliament respectively for Ashton-under-Lyne and the Hallam division of Sheffield. Thus two Unionist seats in the House are vacated for members of the new cabinet.

Sir William Max Aitken was formerly official eye witness with the Canadian troops. He was born in Canada and knighted in 1911.

TAKING STOCK OF CANADA'S MAN-POWER

More Than 150,000 Letters Sent Out by National Service Board

APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION IN GATHERING DATA

Clergymen Are Asked to Make Special Plea Next Sunday

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Upwards of 150,000 letters have been dispatched by the National Service Commission to chief magistrates, postmasters and postmistresses, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, school teachers, heads of fraternal societies and associations, members of parliament and of legislatures throughout the whole Dominion asking for their co-operation in the registration of man-power of Canada.

The letters are of various kinds according to the position which the particular person receiving them holds in the community. Clergymen, for instance, are requested to appeal to their congregations next Sunday outlining the needs of national service on the part of every member of the community, and appealing to them to assist wholeheartedly and conscientiously in the filling out of the registration cards specifying what particular forms of national service they are prepared to assist in. School teachers are asked to call their pupils together on the last of the Christmas term, explain the claim of the National Service Board and carry the word home to their parents.

Public Meetings Suggested.
Mayors, Reeves, etc., are asked to take all practicable municipal measures to forward the work. Public meetings are suggested where speakers can advertise in details the plans of the board. The postmasters and postmistresses throughout the Dominion have been circulated by the postmaster-general asking them to deliver to every box in their offices a registration blank with the request that it be filled in and returned for mailing free of charges to the National Service Board at Ottawa.

The commission asks that the first week of the new year be observed as "National Service week" for the taking of the inventory. His Excellency the Governor-General will issue a personal appeal for general co-operation in the work and this appeal will be published broadcast.

Word at Ottawa.

It is expected that fully one million and a half replies will be received from the adult males still left in Canada, each identifying his present occupation and whether or not he would be available for some other form of national service if necessary or advisable. These replies will be collected by a large staff at Ottawa and the inventory of man-power will be analyzed with a view to securing the best distribution and utilization. The work of collecting will take fully four months.

GEN. LECKIE NOW IN COMMAND OF NEW CAMP

Montreal, Dec. 18.—General Leckie, having relinquished the post of adjutant-general in London, has taken command of a camp which has been detached from Bramshott under General Meighen. The Gazette's London correspondent cables:

"If a fifth Canadian division is formed General Leckie's troops will, it is understood, form its nucleus. Among the troops are the Highland battalions (a brigade), from Nova Scotia."

ONE MAN CAUSES STRIKE.

Quebec, Dec. 18.—Because one lone employee was dissatisfied on a salary question, the 400 hands at the Ritchie shoe factory here were forced to quit. One hundred and fifty of them have gone out on a sympathetic strike for their lone dissatisfied comrade.

SIR THOMAS WHITE'S DENIAL.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, characterized the allusion to him in the morning papers in favor of a coalition government, as contemptible and beneath him to answer. He declares he is a staunch supporter of Sir Robert Borden and that he considers a coalition government unnecessary and impracticable.

WILL NOT SURRENDER ALSACE-LORRAINE

German Official at Washington Discusses Peace Proposals

GERMANY WOULD PREFER TO FIGHT TO LAST MAN

Talks of Desire to Protect Small Nations of the World

Washington, Dec. 18.—Germany will never give up Alsace and Lorraine while there is a German living.

That was the answer of a man high in the confidence of the German government, when asked yesterday if in the terms which may be submitted to a peace council there was any possibility of Germany ceding these two provinces back to France.

"But is not that the one thing which France has desired since 1870, and would France ever consent to a lasting peace without recovering those two provinces?" he was asked.

In reply he said: "We might make this proposition to the allies, should the peace conference begin the consideration of a claim by the French to these provinces, that we would take the referendum in Alsace and Lorraine, and let the people of these two provinces determine to which country they would prefer to belong."

"We have no doubt how such a referendum would go. Those people are essentially German, and were for many years before France took them. They would oppose strongly being transferred to France."

"But aside from that no German for one moment would consent to giving up the provinces in question, it seems to me ridiculous that anyone should propose such a thing. It is unheard of for a nation, in proposing peace terms, to ask for something which was not hers at the beginning of the war, nor held by force of arms at the time peace negotiations are being conducted."

"As I said before, however, Germany would fight until the last man was dead before relinquishing Alsace or Lorraine."

"Give up Strasbourg? Why, it is ridiculous."

"Do you think there will be any stipulation about disarmament in the peace treaty?" he was asked.

"When peace has finally been achieved, no matter whether in the near future or some years hence," he replied, "I do not think there is any likelihood of another big war for many years. None of us will be anxious to get into war again while we remember this one. So that one incentive for disarmament will be removed."

"Another thing, we have known this war was coming on for a long while. We knew that King Edward VII, of England, was forming coalitions against us and that they would all attack us some day, so we prepared as best we could. Now they have attacked us, and have discovered they cannot crush us. There will not remain the same cause for arming to the teeth after this war is over either on our part, for we have weathered the attack, or on the part of the allies, for they have struck the blow they have been planning so long."

Is there any possibility of German Poland being given to the proposed Polish kingdom which would be carved principally out of Russia?" he was asked.

New Polish Kingdom.
"Not at all. There would be no logic in such a course. As a matter of fact, there is no German Poland. What is so called is inhabited principally by Germans, with only a few Poles here and there throughout the province. The two races have mixed. In fact, there is not a single district in the province that is entirely Polish."

"Our interest in the creating of the new Polish kingdom arises of course from our desire to protect the small nations of the world."

"Would Germany have any objection to Japan retaining the Caroline Islands and other islands in the Pacific which she has taken?"

"Well, I have never known the Japs to give up anything they ever got their hands on," he said.

"At the beginning of the war we understood they would keep only Klau Chan, and would give up the other islands at the end of the war. Now, however, we hear that they propose to keep them all, and are colonizing the islands."

"I do not know how we would be interested in whether these lands were transferred to France, for instance, or not. Is the United States interested?"

Merely Speculating.
Surprise was occasioned in Teutonic and allied quarters here by the statement that Leopold Zimmerman, of Zimmerman & Forshay, New York bankers, predicted peace in ninety days and was offering exchange payable on Germany at the end of that length of time.

"He is merely speculating," said one Teutonic diplomat. "He has no official connection, and I do not see what

NEW CABINET IS FORMED IN AUSTRIA

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—Austria's new cabinet, as published in the Cologne Gazette, is composed as follows: Premier, Alexander Spitzmuller; minister of interior, von Handel; minister of defence, F. von Georgi; minister of education, von Hussarek; minister of justice, von Schenk; minister of railways, Dr. Z. von Forster; minister of finance, F. von Wimmer; minister of labor, von Arnika; minister of agriculture, Eydlar; minister for Galicia, Minchael Bobrinski.

PEACE NOTE HAS REACHED LONDON

Handed to Foreign Office by United States Ambassador Page

PREMIER WILL MAKE STATEMENT TO-MORROW

Chancellor of Exchequer Announces Lloyd George Will Outline Policy

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note of the central powers was handed to the British government to-day by Walter H. Page, the American ambassador. Mr. Page called at the foreign office early in the day. In the absence of A. J. Balfour, the foreign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary for foreign affairs.

Chancellor of the Exchequer, A. Bonar Law, definitely announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that Premier Lloyd George would be present in the House on Tuesday to make his statement regarding the British government's policy.

The Westminster Gazette, which all along has held strongly to the opinion that the German peace proposal should receive a serious reply, commenting to-day on the statement that the note contains no terms, says: "If the German note contains no details and is merely a repetition of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the reichstag, the prospect of any immediate result is exceedingly slight."

Sees Danger to Switzerland.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Temps in a leading editorial to-night headed "The other danger," suggests that the German peace manoeuvre possibly hides preparations for a further crime in the violation of Switzerland. It says that Germany will be able to say that the world was warned that if the allies refused peace they must accept the consequences, and will base her action on the dictation that necessarily knows no law, which was the excuse for the violation of Belgium.

"After fruitless tactical successes," it says, "Germany is ready to do anything for a strategic decision. It is inconceivable that the unlawful violent acts Germany threatens as calculated consequences of her pseudo-peace proposals justify this anxiety. If Germany thinks it necessary to destroy the rights of neutrals in order to obtain a decision she will neither shrink nor hesitate."

"The risk here is not platonic; it is immediate. The allies must not ignore it. Switzerland knows she has everything to fear from her German neighbors, and knows the value of a Berlin 'scrap of paper'."

BRITISH PRIZE COURT HOLD-GERMAN BONDS

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British prize court, ruled to-day that German bonds come under the reprisals order and that German securities to the value of 30,000 marks which were seized while on their way in a letter to the State Commercial and Savings Bank of Chicago should remain in court as property of enemy origin until the declaration of peace, or until dealt with as the court might decree subsequently. The securities were seized on board the Danish steamship Frederick VIII.

POLISH COUNCIL TO MEET.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The first meeting of the Polish national council will be held before Christmas, according to the Overseas News Agency. The initial meeting of the Polish national assembly will occur in February, the agency adds.

kind of private advice he could receive that would make him certain of anything. I do not believe anyone in the world knows when peace is coming, but certainly there is more knowledge about that in London than there is in Germany."

"Maybe he is acting on something he knows of Great Britain's attitude, though I do not believe Lloyd George himself knows what will come of the present peace proposal. I am inclined to think he is acting on his belief rather than any knowledge."

FRENCH FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER ELEVEN THOUSAND PRISONERS

War Material Captured or Destroyed in Verdun Region Include 115 Cannon, 44 Bomb Throwers and 107 Machine Guns; German Attack on Lines South-East of Berny Repulsed

Paris, Dec. 18.—French forces have taken a total of 11,387 German prisoners on the Verdun front since Dec. 15, according to the announcement made by the war office this afternoon. A violent German counter-attack on the Meuse has resulted in German forces securing a footing at the Chambrettes farm.

The text follows: "South of the river Somme a detachment of the enemy which was endeavoring to occupy our lines southeast of Berny has been repulsed with hand grenades. On the right bank of the river Meuse, after the bombardment reported in the communication of yesterday, German forces delivered a violent counter-attack yesterday evening upon our new positions. They succeeded, however, only in securing a footing at a point on the Chambrettes farm. We

continue to hold the immediate surroundings of this location. Elsewhere the night passed in quiet."

"The number of prisoners taken by us since the 15th of December on the Verdun front is at present, according to the latest counting, 11,387, including 284 officers. The war material captured or destroyed includes 115 cannon, 44 bomb-throwers and 107 machine guns."

Kaiser's Tour of Inspection.
Berlin, Dec. 18.—Aside from minor activities in the Somme and Meuse sectors there were no important happenings on the western front, army headquarters announced to-day.

Following on the heels of the peace offer and the general army order regarding it, the Kaiser has started on an inspection tour of the west front, partly, it is understood, "to thank the heroic troops for holding out against the two mightiest enemies, thereby covering the rear of the troops in the east and making possible the splendid successes in Roumania and providing grounds for a basis of victory which enabled the peace offer to be made."

The Kaiser also will hold that "the readiness to make peace means also a readiness to continue the war and demonstrates that Germany has a will to fight to a victorious finish in case the peace offer is rejected."

The Kaiser is accompanied by the crown prince.

MANAGER ORDERED TO PREPARE STATEMENT

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The city of Toronto applied this morning for an order committing General Manager R. J. Fanning to jail for refusal to submit to the city a statement as to the value of the plant and assets of the Toronto Railway Company. The order granted by the court allows the manager three months to prepare and produce the statement and failing to do so is to be committed to jail.

ON MACEDONIAN FRONT.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Only artillery operations on the Macedonian front are reported in to-day's army headquarters statement, which reads:

"There has been temporarily lively artillery firing in the bend of the Cerna."

DECLARES NICKEL IS GOING TO ENEMY

H. H. Dewar Says German Organization Retains Large Interest

Montreal, Dec. 18.—H. H. Dewar, K. C., M. P. P., Toronto, addressed the Reform Club here at a banquet on Saturday night on the nickel question. He repeated the statements already published that despite the frequent assurances given by the Dominion and Ontario governments, Canadian nickel still is going to the enemy, as described recently by the Providence Journal.

Before the war the German organization known as the Metallgesellschaft virtually controlled the world's output of metal, and Mr. Dewar charged that the Metallgesellschaft still had a large interest in nickel, notwithstanding that the International Nickel Company, which controlled 80 per cent of the world's supply of nickel at Sudbury, Ont., now was supposed to be under British control.

Mr. Dewar expressed a hope that Sir Edward Carson and Sir Alfred Mond, as members of the new Lloyd George cabinet, would put a stop to any leakage of war materials, like nickel, to the enemy or unfriendly aliens.

SIX PERISH IN FLAMES.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 18.—Roy A. White, of Bayles, Calif., his wife and four children lost their lives early today when fire destroyed the Inter-Ocean hotel, where the Whites were guests. The bodies of Mrs. White and two sons were found in the ruins today, while a nine-month-old baby, rescued by firemen, died from burns. One child still is in the smouldering wreckage.

FALL BACK ON SCHOOLBOYS.

London, Dec. 18.—A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen says that the government of Schleswig, Prussia, has proclaimed civil conscription of school boys. They will be used particularly for railroad work and the loading and unloading of trucks.

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JAPAN WILL STAND BY HER ALLIES

Prussian Militarism Must Be Overthrown Before Peace Comes

Tokio, Dec. 18.—It is learned on the highest authority that Japan will not entertain thoughts of peace as long as restoration of the ante-bellum status is insisted upon by the Berlin government as a basis of settlement. Japan will stand staunchly by her allies in their determination to continue the war until the main purpose of overthrowing Prussian militarism is accomplished.

Public sentiment in this country may approve the return to China of that portion of Shantung now in Japanese hands, provided arrangements favorable to Japanese trade and enterprise can be made, but never would approve its again becoming a German colony. Japan's purpose in joining in the war was to drive the German menace from Asia. This represents retribution for the part the Kaiser played in robbing Japan of the fruits of the war with China. Japanese are willing enough to call the account squared, but this implies the present status in the Orient, not the before-the-war status.

For the same reasons Japan will not consent to the restoration of other German holdings in the Pacific in the wake of which she assisted.

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ELOQUENT ANSWER TO PEACE PROPOSAL

London Press Enthusiastic Over Victory of General Nivelle's Troops

London, Dec. 18.—The morning papers comment with enthusiasm on the French victory at Verdun and pay the heartiest tributes to French leadership, valor and skill. The opportunity is taken to discuss the peace offer in the light of this blow inflicted on the Germans, which is regarded as demonstrating that the latter's morale is seriously undermined. It is also claimed that the battle puts the actual position as between the central powers and the allies in a truer perspective than that offered by the Teutonic successes in Roumania.

It comes at the right moment as an augury of allied success. We can imagine no more eloquent answer to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg than that furnished by General Nivelle's victory.

The Post, recalling German claims to victory in the war, says that France has given a most damning refutation at Verdun and, according to the paper, asserts that all the allies are resolved not to accept the dictated terms of peace.

The Daily News says: "The value of the victory at Verdun is not to be measured by the prisoners and guns taken or the ground reconquered. Its real significance lies in the effect it must have on the morale of both sides. There is no doubt that on both sides the campaign in Roumania has exercised an influence quite disproportionate to its actual importance. It is an additional argument, as far as the allies are concerned, not for an arrogant refusal even to consider the question of peace, but for a cautious willingness to listen to terms which the sobering influence of the war is inducing Germany to offer."

The Chronicle also refers to Roumania and says that the "brilliant victory at Verdun comes at an opportune moment and should serve to remind neutral and allied opinion alike, that in spite of their single victorious campaign in Roumania, the record of 1916 has been a record not of victory but defeat for the central powers."

The Times says that Verdun is one very apt reply to all Germany's vaunts and the attitude of Russia is another.

ANXIOUS TO SECURE VIEWS OF NEUTRALS

German Officer Says Country is Prepared for Heavy Fighting in Spring

Berlin, Dec. 18.—A military official who is frankly and keenly hopeful that some way may be found to end the war, though he is none too optimistic at the present time, called together representatives of the neutral press to inquire as to the probable effect of the German peace note in neutral countries. He laid great stress on this point and particularly whether there probably would be any tendency to construe the German note as a sign of weakness.

Discussing the possibility that all peace proposals may be rejected at present, this official declared Germany was aware the French and British would make another herculean effort in the west next spring—an effort for which Germany would be fully prepared. He expressed the opinion that it could not have any result other than continued slaughter and that it would have no more prospects of success than the Somme offensive.

In the meantime this officer continued, Germany would not give Russia time to recuperate, as happened a year ago. He said Germany was in a position to-day to force Russia to make peace, and that she surely would do so if the peace overtures were rejected. He asserted Russia was known to Germany to be exhausted in a military and economic sense, having neither troops nor ammunition. On the word of Hindenburg that there would be no winter quarters this year, he said Germany did not intend to give Russia the chance to build up new armies or make up for deficiencies in ammunition.

TRYING TO SETTLE IRISH QUESTION

London, Dec. 18.—The Liverpool Post says there is no doubt that negotiations are proceeding for a settlement of the Irish question and that the two principal negotiators are well known. The newspaper says the critical attitude adopted by the Nationalists towards the government for the creation of which Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty in the new cabinet and leader of the Ulster Unionists, has had some responsibility, would make him more eager to effect a genuine compromise and would induce him to urge his Ulster friends to adopt a more moderate attitude.

SYLVIA PANKHURST MOBBED

London, Dec. 18.—Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, and a number of sympathizers endeavored to hold a "demonstration" at the East India dock gates yesterday afternoon to demand peace. A big crowd assembled and mobbed the speaker. The police interfered and rushed Miss Pankhurst and her friends to the police station. The prisoners were held under bail for examination before a magistrate.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The following list of casualties has been issued:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. P. Higg, Res-ton, Man.; Pte. J. Reid, Donkin, Cape Breton Island, N. S.; Pte. W. Scott, Toronto; Pte. H. S. Swan, Winnipeg.

Died of wounds—Lieut. L. G. Hutton, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. J. E. Pollard, Northport, Ont.

Previously reported missing, believed killed, now reported killed in action—Pte. K. Kelley, Montreal.

Previously reported missing, now officially reported killed in action—Pte. J. W. Gillespie, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Pte. H. E. Wilson, New Waterford, N. S.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing; should be missing, believed killed—Pte. L. Leslie Titus, St. John, N. B.

Previously reported wounded, now wounded and missing—Pte. Jas. Arthur Dixon, Godstream, V. I.; B. C.; Cpl. Geo. McCormick, Winnipeg; Pte. R. Murdie, Winnipeg; Pte. H. W. Welch, Winnipeg.

Previously reported missing; now officially reported died of wounds while prisoner of war at Caudrey—Pte. L. E. Makepeace, Brampton, Ont.

Wounded and missing—Pte. F. J. Watson, Chatham, Ont.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now unofficially reported prisoners of war—Pte. G. T. Morris, Toronto; Pte. T. G. Gerrow, Hamilton, Ont.; Pte. G. Watson, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Pte. Wm. H. James, Saskatoon.

Wounded—Pte. A. J. Adams, Matapedia, Que.; Pte. L. Beach, Hunters Home, Queens County, N. B.; Pte. M. Boxter, Little Current, Ont.; Pte. Thomas E. Brown, Richmond, Ont.; Pte. H. Grey, Plymouth, Mass.; Lieut. S. Macdonald, Moncton, N. B.

Killed in action—Acting Cpl. D. Black, Vancouver; Pte. J. J. Fitzgerald, Head Lake, Ont.

Missing—Pte. C. Craig, Vancouver.

Previously reported wounded, now reported wounded and missing—Acting Lance-Cpl. W. Brown, Vancouver.

Previously reported missing, now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. A. Fellows, Roland, Man.; Pte. Thomas J. Hickey, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Pte. G. W. Clarke, Dunnville, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. A. Gaudette, Fort William, Ont.; Pte. L. L. Querie, Toronto; Pte. W. C. Treble, New Toronto, Ont.

Mounted Rifles.
Accidentally killed—Pte. George Parker, Calgary.

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. C. Morrison, Drumheller, Alta.; Pte. H. Rhodes, Cochrane, Alta.

Previously reported missing; now reported wounded and missing—Acting Lance-Cpl. A. H. Barnes, Merritt, B. C.; Pte. H. H. Dinning, Plessisville, Que.; Lance-Cpl. J. G. Downie, Oak Lake, Man.; Lance-Cpl. A. Roach, Darnley, P. E. I.; Pte. G. Thorpe, Audubon, Minn.

Missing—Act. Lee-Cpl. C. Hodge, Whithy, Ont.; Lt. Allen Shortt, Brockville, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now not missing—Pte. J. J. Carroll, Halifax; Pte. Geo. Colter, Petrolia, Ont.

Dangerously ill—Pte. C. R. Johnson, Banham, Man.

Wounded—Act. Lee-Cpl. R. G. Cuthbertson, Woodstock, Ont.; Pte. F. H. Denny, Bottrel, Alta.; Pte. W. Graham, Souris, Man.; Pte. F. P. McAnley, India Harbor, Ind.; Lt. J. McLeod Mackay, Vancouver; Pte. E. Hodgson Maxwell, Regina; Pte. T. Parker Hastings, Ont.; Lt. R. A. Scott,

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GERMANS CHECKED BY FRENCH FIRE

Attack on New Position Failed; Huns Unable to Reach British Trenches

Paris, Dec. 18.—The bulletin on the campaign issued by the war office Saturday night says:

"On the right bank of the Meuse our troops continued their success. They progressed in the Cauriers wood and captured the village of Bezon Vaux yesterday. At the close of the day a violent German attack directed against our positions on Voto du Poivre (Pepper Hill) was broken by our fire."

"We have maintained in its entirety our new front. Prisoners continue to be brought back the number exceeding 5,000, of whom 250 are officers. The enumeration of the material which has fallen into our hands has not yet been completed, but the computation shows that up to the present 31 guns have been taken or destroyed."

The usual cannonade has occurred on the rest of the front."

Belgian communication: "The day was calm."

Checked by Artillery.

London, Dec. 18.—The official report from British headquarters in France on Saturday night reads:

"A small party of the enemy which last night approached our trenches north of Hill 60, in the Ypres salient, in an endeavor to bomb them, was caught by our artillery barrier, and no attempt was made to enter our trenches."

"There was some artillery activity during the night north of the Ancre and north of Ypres."

"To-day we carried out a bombardment on the enemy's trenches north of Hulluch and east of Neuve Chapelle."

WASHINGTON SHOULD NOT OFFER MEDIATION

Massachusetts Representative Introduces Resolution on "Unjust Peace"

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative A. P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, has introduced in the House a concurrent resolution through which he seeks to put Congress on record against any move on the part of the United States "to participate in promoting an unjust peace" in Europe as a result of Germany's peace proposal. He declared that Germany is suing for peace with the hope that the United States will offer mediation, and adds:

"God help us if autocracy wins! The timid sentimentalist wants to give Germany a truce in which to catch her breath, for choking she surely is or she would not be suing for peace. Who ever heard of the winner in a fight crying enough? It is only when he feels that his strength is spent that the brave man asks for a truce, and who is there who can deny the bravery of Germany? Would Germany, think you, forego the execution of her threat to destroy England's power if German leaders saw victory within their grasp?"

The text of the Gardner resolution reads in part:

"Whereas, the central European powers are suing for peace, and

"Whereas a premature and inconclusive peace at the present time would fail to punish the central European powers for the unbending misery which they have brought upon mankind, and

"Whereas, in the darkest hours of our civil war—Abraham Lincoln, through the secretary of state, peremptorily ordered our minister to Great Britain, Chas. Francis Adams, to repudiate the slightest suggestion of mediation in our affairs on the part of any foreign government;

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this Congress the United States should neither directly nor indirectly suggest to the entente allies that they accept mediation, and, furthermore, it is the opinion of this Congress that the United States ought to refuse to participate in promoting an unjust peace."

"Resolved further, that no peace can be considered just unless the following requirements are included in its terms: "1. That every acre of land shall be returned by the central European powers to the nations which have been despoiled."

"2. That ample indemnities shall be paid to the entente allies, who have been fighting for civilization, and more especially to the smaller nations, which have suffered the most from a murderous and unprovoked assault."

"3. That by disarmament and disbandment of its troops Germany shall guarantee that the peace treaty is something more than a 'scrap of paper.'"

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NATIONAL SERVICE.

The impressive speeches of the Prime Minister and Mr. Bennett clearly set forth the comprehensive aims and objects of the National Service movement. They pointed out that what is intended is the readjustment and reorganization of the country's resources for the prosecution of the war. The man-power of the Dominion is to be divided into three classes—the fighting men, the men who work and the men who pay. Men should be allocated to the respective classes for which they are best adapted. Those who are working in munition services, essential industries or on public utilities who are better qualified for the front should go into the first class, while those now in the first class, that is the fighting class, who would be doing better service in the class of workers should be brought back. The object sought is the overhauling of the entire war service of the country in order that, as Mr. Bennett put it, the "square peg shall fit into the square hole and the round peg into the round hole." Combined with this readjustment is the promotion of thrift and economy on the part of the people and the necessity of some service, no matter how small, by everybody in the country in the interests of the country's cause.

The accomplishment of these objects, however, will require stronger measures from the directing source than eloquent appeals. Great Britain found that while these appeals undoubtedly were very effective up to a certain point, prompt, unhesitating action alone sufficed. At best the influence of oratory at such a time is only momentary. Britain, therefore, first overhauled her national machinery. She reorganized her war directorate and called to its councils the ablest men of the kingdom without regard to politics, investing them with responsibility and the power to enforce measures demanded by the exigencies of the struggle. In no other way could she have made substantial progress towards the ends in view, and we may add that her objects were not more comprehensive than those of the two eloquent speakers of Saturday night are seeking to gain by their appeals.

In all these matters the people look to the government for leadership and direction. That is what the government is for. They expect the government, for instance, to set an example in thrift and economy. If there are waste and carelessness in the administration of the public services, if there are more people employed than there is work to be done, if contracts for supplies are awarded without regard to competitive tendering but on the basis of political favoritism, it is useless for the government to preach thrift and economy to the individual. The case of the Transcona Car Shops emphasizes our point. That establishment with its \$7,000,000 plant belonged to the nation. It could have been converted into a splendid national munition factory and in the government's hands would have been a most effective

ive lever for regulating the prices of munitions. But instead of being made a national factory it was leased to a private corporation hastily organized for the purpose. National Service imposes stern obligations upon governments as well as upon individuals; indeed, it demands much more from them. In war time, more than in any other time, actions speak louder than words.

NOT AN ACRE.

If the central empires emerge from this war with an acre of territory looted from their neighbors, the allies will have failed to gain one of the cardinal objects for which they have been fighting. They will have failed to teach Germany and the world that no power will be permitted to expand through armed might at the expense of the independent states which surround it. Had they taught that lesson to Prussia fifty years ago there would have been no war to-day. It is because the great powers held their hands while she was enlarging her boundaries with stolen provinces that they now must make such colossal sacrifices.

Prussia stole Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark in 1864 and Silesia from Austria in 1866. Those cheap conquests encouraged her to lop off Alsace and Lorraine from France five years later. The victory of 1871 started Germany on the inebriety in which the present war originated. If she is permitted to retire from the fray with an inch of Courland, Poland or Lithuania, even if she completely evacuates France and Belgium, she will have gained more in this struggle than she stole from France, Austria and Denmark combined in the three former wars. She still would have her eye upon Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France, which would continue to figure on her war map. Moreover, were the western allies to agree to any arrangement which involved territorial sacrifice on the part of Russia, they would alienate their eastern ally for all time and still further facilitate the objects of the robber state, for without Russia's aid they never could prevent Germany overrunning Europe.

The same applies to Austria-Hungary. That empire is a veritable crazy-quilt of territorial plunder which has been acquired over centuries. Indeed, if all the stolen areas were returned to the control of their rightful owners the empire would cease to exist. Not only should Austria-Hungary be ejected from every inch of soil in the Balkans occupied by her soldiers, but she should be compelled to disgorge most, if not all, of what she has been stealing for generations. Otherwise she too will be confirmed in the belief that her expansion is possible only through robbing her neighbors under arms and the seed of further wars will continue to sprout in fertile soil.

Had Germany and Austria tried to better the conditions of the inhabitants of the territories stolen by them in their various wars; given them self-government and respected their customs, traditions, languages, religions and laws, they might have assuaged in time the bitterness their conquests aroused. But they treated their new subjects with the utmost harshness. All the world knows how Posen, Alsace, Bohemia, Transylvania, Bosnia and Herzegovina are governed; all the world knows the Prussian theory of government. Not an inch of the soil of Poland, Courland, Lithuania, Serbia, Roumania, Montenegro, Belgium, or France should be under the German and Austrian flags when this war is over, no matter how long it may take to throw the invaders out.

MR. BRYAN AGAIN.

That monumental humbug, William Jennings Bryan, has sent a cablegram to Mr. Lloyd George urging him to accept Germany's peace offer. The impertinence of the act is equalled only by the colossal vanity it denotes. A message from Bernstorff would be deserving of more consideration, for it, at least, would be devoid of the taint of smug hypocrisy. Mr. Bryan is one of those men who can make their consciences dance to any tune expediency may demand and still preserve immaculate fronts in Pew "A" on Sunday morning. As secretary of state in the Wilson government he signed the note to Germany which followed the Lusitania massacre. Privately he informed the Austrian ambassador that the note was not to be taken seriously, being intended merely to deceive the public. Thus he was acting a double lie. The author of the "Prince of Peace" was indulging in one of the most flagrantly vicious practices of Prussianism—deception, intrigue and double-dealing. An alleged apostle of peace, he formed an alliance with Villa and raised the embargo on the export of arms in order that that blood-glutted bandit might continue his orgy of butchery. A man of supposed infinite scruple he was caught red-handed at Washington trying to unload upon the public purse the expenses of his domestic establishment he should have paid out of his own pocket. Mr. Bryan makes too many nice distinctions between

the prohibitions of the decalogue to be the mentor of any government or anybody else on anything.

REGULATED TO DEATH.

In discussing the effect of the Saturday half holiday upon business the morning paper points out that "there is such a thing as regulating the life out of business, and there is grave danger of that being done in Victoria."

Our contemporary is right. It is exceedingly easy to regulate a business, or a whole community for that matter, into bankruptcy, withal with the best intentions. There is a border line between restriction and freedom of effort beyond which it is dangerous to go. Nobody can interfere with the fundamental principles of trade and commerce without getting hurt. In respect of the half-holiday it was obvious from the start that if Friday failed as a complete substitute for Saturday the whole community would suffer, including those who thought their best interests would be promoted by the change.

We have in mind another regulation, adopted with the best intention. In which every patriotic citizen concurred, but the application of which is doing the business of the country a great deal of harm. This is the moratorium legislation. It was designed to protect soldiers from disabilities which they were unable to meet in the special circumstances of their service. Its effect, however, has been to open the way to practically the whole community a way of escape on the payment of its debts. The relief aimed at in this legislation should be confined to soldiers enlisting for overseas service. It should not become a public convenience. In allowing it to be so we merely are postponing a serious day of reckoning.

From the excessive regulation of business it is only a short step to the over-regulation of the personal affairs of the individual. Much of this springs from the emotionalism of the western American states, some of which now are trying to regulate the kind of clothes people shall wear. The virtue westerner of song, story, drama and moving-picture-fame is rapidly becoming extinct. He has been regulated and legislated out of existence. He has fallen a prey to cranks, faddists and health foods. He can scarcely move without tearing some sumptuary law or regulation. His movements are being controlled by guilds and leagues. Let us hope the mania will not take too deep a root here. There is a limit even to reforms, beyond which sanity disappears. It is possible to regulate a country into decadence and chaos.

According to the Ottawa Citizen the high cost of existence is raising Hades, or something like that, with eastern newspapers. Our contemporary, which itself has a highly prosperous appearance (which we hope is not a cloak for penury), says: "Owing to the tremendous increase in the cost of white paper and the abnormal increase in all materials entering into the production of a newspaper the Toronto dailies are adopting a step which would seem to be inevitable throughout the country, in charging more for their issues. The problem which confronts the daily newspaper to-day is not one of increasing or even maintaining profits—it is one of preventing serious loss. In many of the larger cities of the United States the price of newspapers has been raised as a measure of self preservation. In Canada the time cannot long be deferred for similar action; indeed, it is difficult to see how many journals can survive present conditions." Most of the newspapers which now are crying out about the high cost of publication, before the war in their mania for circulation were purveying stale news to subscribers in the West at a price which did not nearly cover the cost of the paper on which they were printed.

In the course of his speech on Saturday night Mr. Bennett inveighed for a moment against the "destructive criticism" to which he implied the government had been subjected. Had it not been for the criticism to which he referred, Sir Sam Hughes still would be controlling the war business of this country, the Ross rifle still would be claiming its victims from among those compelled to use it, Wesley Allison, still an honorary colonel, would continue to lead a brigade of schemers against the pockets of the British and Canadian taxpayers, the Shell Committee still would be flourishing in spite of the protests from London, profiteering would not have been restricted and the International Nickel Trust would have had its own sweet way without interference. Strong, trenchant criticism is good medicine for a government in war time. This has been found to be the case in Britain, France and Italy, while in Russia it has worked wonders within the last few weeks, throwing out of power a government suspected of pro-Germanism.

A London dispatch says a peaceage has been conferred upon Sir Max Aitken. Just why, for the moment, is a secret that Canada, from which the

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new peek sprang, does not share. Sir Max Aitken, who in Canada was a company promoter, was made Canadian official Eye-Witness by Sir Sam Hughes. He did his eye-witnessing so effectively that Canada had to learn from Frederick Palmer, of the Associated Press, and other correspondents what the Canadians were doing at the front. Was this the reason Sir Max received the peerage? If so it has been misplaced. We recall, however, that Sir Sam recommended Sir Max to be overseas Minister of Militia, instead of Sir George Perley. The government appointed Sir George, and Sir Max, who had resigned as Eye-Witness, was left out in the cold. Possibly the peerage is intended to save his feelings.

W. J. Bryan as a Christian has appealed to Lloyd George not to spurn Germany's offer of peace. If W. J. professing to speak as a Christian, has nothing better to do than meddle in affairs which the government he supports repeatedly has declared are no concern of the United States, then he might better send his communication to the Hun Kaiser, who also is addicted to the practice of exalting the superior qualities of his Christianity.

War has been declared upon the bakers of Vancouver by the grocers. The latter say the bakers are responsible for the high prices of bread and they will erect and operate bakeries of their own. In the meantime fortunate the household in which the housewife has the gift and the will to bake her own bread.

The Kaiser and Crown Prince have been inspecting the western front, according to a dispatch to-day. They

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—Hardware, Second Floor

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—Main Floor

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—Selling, First Floor

Doll Buggies, Express Wagons and Other Wheel Goods Have Arrived

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—Toyland, Third Floor

You Will Be Wise in Buying Your Gift Slippers Early

For there is always a big demand for Slippers at Christmas time and this year great difficulty has been experienced in receiving deliveries. Stocks are therefore somewhat limited in several of the most popular styles. To make sure of not being disappointed you will be wise in choosing early.

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Lavender Felt Slippers, fleece lined and trimmed with ribbon; Orchid Felt Slippers, trimmed with fur; Black Velvet Slippers, Astrachan Velvet Slippers, astrachan lined, and felt sole.

—Selling, First Floor

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—Selling, First Floor

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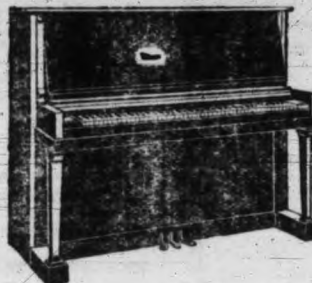
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of Mrs. Hinton, Misses Casey, Renwick and Lehman and Messrs. Hughes, Kelway and Musten will appear on the programme. Among other items the boys have prepared a musical playlet in which they will handle all the roles, including those of Princess, Ladies-in-Waiting etc. The choruses are also carefully prepared and should prove a pleasing change from choruses of mixed voices.

Lampson Street Cadets.—The Lampson Street school Cadets are giving a concert in the old Victoria theatre on Thursday evening. It will be under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Pooley. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of new uniforms. The programme is as follows: Physical exercises

by the cadets; duet by Mary Sturrock and Mary Stewart; Quaker song, Division IX.; vocal duet, Division V.; patriotic songs of the allies, Division K.; motion song, Division II.; Highland dance, Maisie Bray; instrumental number, pupils of Division II. Messdames R. H. Pooley and Jos. Hinton, and the Misses Tolmie, Pearce and Dorothy Kirk have very kindly consented to give additional numbers. The programme will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and all friends of the cadets and others who are interested in the work are cordially invited to attend. The Esquimalt corps holds the shield this year as being the best corps in British Columbia and the Yukon, and it is intended that the programme will be in keeping with the high reputation of the unit.

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Help the Military Y. M. C. A.—If you have any last month's magazines that you have read leave them at the local Y. M. C. A. building. Also if you have any gymnasium equipment not in use loan it to the Willows gymnasium for the winter.

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Royal Astronomical Society.—The annual meeting of the Victoria Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada will be held in the auditorium of the Girls' Central school at 3 o'clock to-morrow evening. The business will comprise the reading of the reports of the secretary and treasurer, the presi-

dent's address "Weighing the Planets," and the election of officers.

English Mail.—The following English mail which left London on December 1, arrived in the city yesterday: Eighteen bags of letters, 88 bags of parcel post, 90 bags of papers.

Re-elected President.—Mr. H. Reid, of this city was re-elected president of the Provincial Poultry Association, by acclamation, at the convention which was held at Nelson. The other officers are: Mr. J. A. Thurston, Central Park, vice-president; executive, Mr. E. Orr, Chilliwack; Mr. W. Bearcroft, Kamloops; Mr. J. Wadsworth, Trail; and Mr. A. Price, Cowichan. The next convention will be held at Kamloops.

Oak Bay Concert.—The Saturday night popular concert at the Oak Bay theatre last week was provided by members of the Bantam Minstrels. The appreciation of the audience was shown in the fact that almost every number received an encore. Those who took part were: Sgt. Major Lawrence, banjo; Bandsman Lakin, violin; Bandsman Cullen, piccolo; Ptes. Hays, Churchill, Hunt, Thornton and Sgt. Hall, vocalists, and Miss Gravin, accompanist. The total proceeds of the entertainment amounted to \$11.35, of which \$10.35 has been paid into the funds of the Red Cross Society and \$1 for advertising.

Cadets Give Concert.—The Boys' Central Cadet Corps will hold a concert in the old Victoria theatre to-morrow evening for the purpose of raising funds to purchase uniforms. Mrs. Roberts's orchestra, has kindly offered to play selections from 7.15 to 8 o'clock when the curtain will rise. The names

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R. H. Wood, of Port Alberni, is at
the Dominion.

C. Simpson, of Hanna, Alta., is at the
Metropolis hotel.

C. Jones, of Golden, B. C., is at the
Dominion hotel.

J. B. George, of James Island, is at
the Dominion hotel.

D. W. Johnston, of North Vancouver,
is at the Dominion.

Irwin Wright, of Princeton, is a guest
of the Dominion hotel.

G. Sharp is down from Duncan and
is at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. Bill Wheeler, of Shawnigan lake,
is at the Metropolis hotel.

E. F. Hatching, of Winnipeg, is a
guest at the Empress hotel.

A. M. Leitch, of Ashcroft, arrived at
the Empress hotel yesterday.

Billy Halliday, of Jordan river, is a
guest at the Metropolis hotel.

Mr. A. Tully, of Seattle, Wash., is a
guest at the Hotel Metropolis.

Capt. A. Mackenzie, of Vancouver, is
a guest at the Hotel Metropolis.

John Downs, of Seattle, Wash., is
registered at the Hotel Metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Knox, of Duncan,
are staying at the Strathcona hotel.

L. L. Butler, is registered at the
Hotel Metropolis from Portland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jones, of Van-
couver, are at the Hotel Metropolis.

Eric King and Mrs. King, of Oak-
land, Cal., are at the Dominion hotel.

J. Body and Mrs. Body, of Winnipeg,
are new arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

A. Larson and O. C. Barstow, of Sinat,
S.D., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Geo. T. Brown is registered at the
Hotel Metropolis from New York, U.
S. A.

Mrs. Sidney Atwell and family, of
Bremner, Alta., are at the Dominion
hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Roberts, of Owen
Sound, are guests at the Strathcona
hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Payne, of Sa-
turna Island, are at the Strathcona
hotel.

John S. Chisholm, of Dawson, Y. T.,
registered at the Empress hotel yester-
day.

H. S. Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, of
Vancouver, are registered at the Do-
minion.

C. A. Welsh and Nels Nelson, of New
Westminster, are staying at the Do-
minion hotel.

L. Thornton and A. L. Kendle are
down from Uchuckiest and are at the
Dominion hotel.

Mrs. Rowe Lewis has arrived from
Vancouver and has registered at the
Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Marshall and child,
of Philadelphia, arrived at the Em-
press hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Rixon are staying
at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mutrad, of Cam-
eron, Alta., are visitors in the city and
are at the Strathcona hotel.

Registered at the Hotel Metropolis
from Calgary are Mr. and Mrs. Wes-
ley, James Dickson and Geo. Lee.

Miss Harriet Winchell, of New York,
is visiting the coast cities and has
registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Frank, from Bra-
shaw, Alta., have arrived in the city
and are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

P. L. McEathron, Mrs. McEathron and
L. McEathron are visitors from
Okotoks, Alta., who are staying at the
Dominion hotel.

Capt. and Mrs. Beetham, of Van-
couver, arrived in the city yesterday,
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They came over for the arrival of the
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On Saturday afternoon at "Trendal-
bane" the Rev. Captain Campbell cele-
brated the marriage of Frank Vernon
Palmer and May, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. William Jones of this city.

Rev. Captain Campbell at his resi-
dence, 1155 Fort street, on Saturday
afternoon celebrated the marriage of
Alfred James Stencil and Miss Agnes
Carlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-
ward Carlow, of Victoria.

At the minister's residence, Port
street and Linden avenue, Rev. Dr.
Campbell on Friday evening celebrated
the marriage of Andrew McKay and
Miss Harriett Garrett, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. John P. Garrett, of Victoria.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Furnished
by the Victoria Meteor-
ological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 18—5 a. m.—An ocean
storm area is crossing Northern B. C.
and heavy rains have occurred here and
on the Lower Mainland, also at Prince
Rupert. Moderate southerly and westerly
gales now reported on the Coast may ex-
tend to the Straits and Sound. Sharp
frosts prevail in Oregon and Northern
California and zero temperatures continue
in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.
For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or
moderate gales from the south and west,
unsettled, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly to southerly
winds, fresh to strong on the Gulf, un-
settled, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.05; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 42;
wind, 12 miles S.; rain, 11; weather,
raining.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.00; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum,
38; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, .06; weather,
raining.

Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)—Barometer,
30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday,
40; wind, 22 miles E.; rain, .06; weather,
cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum,
20; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .02; weather,
cloudy.

Barkeville—Barometer, 30.04; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum,
20; wind, 10 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.79; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 44; mini-
mum, 34; wind, calm; rain, 1.12; weather,
raining.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 30.00; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 42;
wind, 26 miles S.; rain, .54; weather, rain-
ing.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.08; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 44;
wind, 18 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, rain-
ing.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 58; mini-
mum, 44; wind, 4 miles N. W.; weather,
clear.

Temperature. Max. Min.

Pentlton 32 ..

Cranbrook 24 ..

Nelson 24 ..

Calgary 29 ..

Edmonton 16 ..

Qu'Appelle 0 ..

Winnipeg -16 ..

Toronto 24 ..

Ottawa 16 ..

Montreal 12 ..

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5
p. m., Saturday:

Temperature.

Highest 40 ..

Lowest 38 ..

Average 39 ..

Minimum on grass 37 ..

Rain, .40 inch.

General state of weather, rainy.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5
p. m., Sunday:

Temperature.

Highest 42 ..

Lowest 36 ..

Average 40 ..

Minimum on grass 37 ..

Rain, .00 inch.

General state of weather, cloudy.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR CONCERT PATRONS

Ladies' Musical Club Pro-
gramme for December Very
Attractive

At the Ladies' Musical Club concert
at the Empress ballroom on Thursday
evening the programme, which is being
arranged by Mrs. Gideon Hicks, will
be divided into two parts, the first
composed chiefly of Christmas music,
the second of "Messiah" selections. An
innovation is the opening of the con-
cert with a Christmas hymn, "O Come
All Ye Faithful," in which the audience
is expected to join. Mrs. Macdonald
Paney will contribute two Christmas
songs by Cornelius, which are being
sung here for the first time. Two
young artists who have not previously
been heard on any of these club pro-
grammes are Miss May Mitchell, who
is playing with Miss Hemming in the
Beethoven C minor concerto for two
pianos; and Miss Lotus Griffith. The
carols will be given by a special choir
of twelve voices selected by J. Douglas
Macey from the Choral Club.

The following is the programme in
full:

Christmas Hymn—O Come, All Ye
Faithful Haydn

God Rest You, Merry Gentle-
men The Choir

Song—The Gift Behrend
Mrs. Gideon Hicks

Song—Two Christmas Songs Cornelius
Mrs. Macdonald Paney

Two Pianos—Allegro from C Minor
Concerto Beethoven
Miss Hemming

Second Piano, Miss May Mitchell,
Song—It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
..... Flackington Barker

Miss Lotus Griffith

Part II.
Air and Chorus—O Thou That Teltest
(Messiah) Handel

Mrs. Jesse Longfield and Choir.
Air—Rejoice Greatly (Messiah) Handel

Mrs. Macdonald Paney.

Air—He Shall Feed His Flock (Mes-
siah) Handel

Mrs. Gideon Hicks.

Air—Come Unto Me (Messiah) Handel

Mrs. Macdonald Paney.

Carols—Carol (new) G. J. Barnett

Good-King-Wenceslas The Choir

Women's National Anthem,
God Save the King.

Accompanist—Mrs. A. E. Sprague, Mrs.
Walsh Nasmith, Organist, Mr. Edward
Parsons; conductor, J. Douglas Macey.

Women's Institute.—The usual monthly
meetings of the Shawnigan and
Cobble Hill Women's Institute have
been held at Shawnigan Lake and
Cobble Hill respectively, when much
gratification was expressed at the total
receipts of the Christmas fair, which
amounted to \$198.15. The final draft
for the 1917 programme was sub-
mitted and approved and considerable
routine business was transacted. Many
members have already renewed their
subscriptions for next year and plans
for various activities are under con-
sideration. The vice-president, Mrs.
Wingate White, has invited all mem-
bers resident at Cobble Hill to be her
guests for dinner and tea and a social
afternoon at the new hall on New
Year's day. Urgent appeals for not
only continued but increased support
of and work for the Red-Cross So-
ciety were made; and the secretary is
pleased to announce that in recogni-
tion of the great service rendered to
the cause of the Sailor's Relief fund
at Nanaimo by the production there
of the beautiful series of patriotic tab-
leaux, first held by the Institute at
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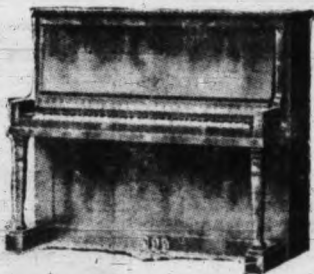
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Canada's Premier Greeted by Crowded House on Saturday Evening

INSPIRING ADDRESSES ON NATIONAL SERVICE

R. B. Bennett, M. P., Explains Steps Taken to Mobilize Country's Resources

It is no exaggeration but simple sober fact to say that there has never been such a crowd seeking admission to any public building in the city as there was outside the Royal Victoria theatre on Saturday evening when Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, spoke on behalf of the work of the national service board.

The body of the theatre, was filled long before 8 o'clock, and the host of late-comers gathered outside on Broughton street was rapidly augmented until it extended around the corner and down Blanshard street past the stage door. Hundreds were unable to gain admittance, although every possible available space in the house was utilized.

On the stage there were set as many seats as could be conveniently placed there, and outside a ring of people stood throughout the three hours which the meeting lasted. In the boxes and loges, as well as on the stage, were representative citizens of all classes and leaders of all the local, national and patriotic organizations, ministers of the provincial government, members of the federal and provincial parliaments, the naval and military heads of the district and many others.

Were Three Speakers.

There were but three speakers, Sir Robert Borden, R. B. Bennett, M. P. for Calgary, the director-general of the national service board; and Hon. H. C. Brewster. The premier of British Columbia spoke briefly so as to take no time from the visitors, pledging the support of British Columbia to all steps for the vigorous prosecution of the war to a decisive peace. Mr. Brewster's statement that, while the response of this province to the call of the empire had been a generous one, the last had not been heard from it, was greeted with cheering, which testified that he was voicing the sentiment of the people at large.

Sir Robert Borden delivered an inspiring address on the principles at stake in the war, Canada's duty to herself as much as to the empire to do all she can to aid in the suppression of German tyranny and ruthless domination, and the efforts that were being made to line up all the available manpower of the Dominion so that every one would be doing his best in the place he was best fitted for in co-ordinating effort to the end of a decisive victory and a lasting peace. The prime minister's descriptions of his visit to the front and the sights he had seen there were such as to bring a rush of pride to every Canadian face and to strengthen the determination in every Canadian heart to fight this war to a victorious close.

The director-general came here with a reputation as a most eloquent and attractive speaker and he fully justified this on Saturday night. No one could listen to him without feeling that he had given deep study to the problems which the board has to face, and which the people of Canada as a whole will have to face, and he placed these before the audience in plain, terse language. There was nothing dictatorial about him; he made a simple statement of what he considered the duty of the Dominion and paid his auditors the compliment of believing they realize this duty as much as he does himself.

During Mr. Bennett's speech there were a few interjections from the audience of a questioning nature, and one or two which looked as if they were meant to discredit, if possible. But the member for Calgary is too experienced a hand to be thrown off his text by any interruptions. He met every such attempt by a frank answer and such a courteous attitude that it would disarm any critic.

Premier Introduced.

Mayor Stewart, introducing the premier, spoke briefly. The subject to be laid before them was one which needed no commendation to a Victoria audience. British Columbia was the province which had supplied the greatest number of heroes to the empire, relatively to its population. His worship hinted that it would be a desirable thing if more easterners visited the West.

Sir Robert Borden, who was greeted with hearty and prolonged applause, regretted that he had not been able to visit the Pacific province as often as he would like. Many easterners had come West and remained West. One of these was on that platform as premier of this province.

"I desire to express my great appreciation of his presence here tonight," continued Sir Robert, "and of the aid and support he is giving us in our undertaking to lay before the people of Canada what their duty is, especially in regard to national service as well as the conditions we shall have to meet on the conclusion of peace."

Sir Robert referred in graceful terms to the bravery of the British Columbia troops, and to the patriotic response made by the province to the call of the empire for men to defend it and to vindicate the rights of the little nationalities. He also spoke in high

praise of the courage of Canadian troops in general, as manifested at Ypres, Estubert, Courcellette, Observatoire Ridge and along the Somme. Allies' Great Cause.

"I have not come here to speak of the justice of our cause," continued the prime minister. "If it were not a just cause it would not have met with the response it has in every corner of Canada. It transcends even the history and the destiny of our own empire, great as that is. It is a cause which concerns the future of the whole world, the permanence of all that has been built up by the efforts of humanity in the last ten or twenty centuries. If the cause of the allies does not prevail what would be the consequence to all the allies? What would be the future of this Dominion? Our battle is being fought as truly—and this I want to impress very strongly on all of you—on the plains of France and Flanders as it is within the boundaries of Canada; as if it were within sight of your own fair city here or any of your sister cities in the East. (Applause.)

"The closing days of July, 1914, were fateful for us as for all our empire. If we had stood aloof and sanctioned by our inaction the devastation and destruction of Belgium, if we had abandoned France and acquiesced in its overthrow, we should have earned the contempt of the whole world, and we should not have escaped the inevitable doom to which a power dominating the world would assuredly have consigned us.

"I shall not speak of the mighty effort of the whole empire which the foe has never felt until during the past few months, but I point with pride and gratitude to the fact that during a little more than two years nearly 400,000 Canadians have responded to the call of duty, more than 150,000 have seen service at the front, and more than 100,000 of them are now in the fighting line.

"From January of the present year to date we have sent across the Atlantic, without the loss of a single man, not less than 155,000 of the finest troops in the world. (Cheers.) The effort of Canada in that regard has been a great one, much greater than we ever looked forward to in 1914. The magnitude of the undertaking before the empire was not realized in the first weeks of the war. We did not know what Germany's preparations had been, but we did realize, when Germany failed to crush the allies in the first six weeks, that she had failed forever. (Cheers.)

"More numbers do not constitute an effective army. Men must be trained; disciplined and equipped. Every arm of military service must be organized. There must be long preparation before a modern army with effective striking power can be created. And this is a war not of armies alone, but of nations. Victory depends therefore upon the thorough organization of national strength; the organized force of the allied resources must be thrown into the struggle in order that the full measure of effectiveness may be attained.

"To this end the government have determined that an estimate shall be made of the man-power of Canada; and the board of national service created for that purpose will place before the people in the immediate future the means by which that estimate can be effectively made.

"The work thus undertaken is of supreme importance. I have therefore felt it necessary to abandon for a few weeks duties of great urgency, more insistent than can be imagined by those who have not participated in them; and I have come before you tonight to urge that the response of the Canadian people shall be adequate to the need. Let me put that need before you as it lies in my own mind.

"It can be realized most fully by those who have seen the devastated cities and towns of France and Belgium, who have passed over the trail left by ravaging armies, who have felt the horror which war has brought to communities once as happy and as peaceful as any within our boundaries. The indescribable atrocities which have been committed for the purpose of intimidating the civil population of France and of Belgium, have been proclaimed to the world.

"I have said that in France and in Belgium humanity itself calls us to the rescue. The hundred thousand Canadians now in the battle line and those who beyond the seas eagerly await the word, do not these also call us to their aid. There are those who speak of peace. I read not long since in an American journal the words which Abraham Lincoln uttered on the 16th June, 1864: 'We accepted this war for an object, a worthy object, and the war will end when that object is attained. Under God, I hope it never will end until this time.'

"And I hope this war will never end till the purpose of the allied nations has been thoroughly accomplished. (Cheers.) The words of Lincoln express the spirit of Canada in this war, which we have accepted for a righteous cause."

Making of Munitions.

Sir Robert, speaking of the making of munitions in Canada, said that there were 300,000 men and women working in the munitions factories throughout the Dominion, and that the quality of the product was equal to that manufactured in any part of the empire. There had been undertaken in the Dominion seven hundred million dollars worth of work, of which half had been shipped across the Atlantic. Continuing, he said:

"We have come here to explain and commend the proposals of the director-general, of national service. We all realize that every citizen has a responsibility individually in doing his part towards winning this war. No nation ever was or could be great relying on its natural resources alone. Nations have disappeared when their wealth was the greatest. Character is shown most notably when it has to meet reverses and difficulties. What is the character of a nation?"

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What He Saw in France.

Sir Robert described conditions as he had observed them in France and Belgium, the ruined towns and villages, the ravaged fields, the shattered churches and hospitals. He spoke highly in praise of the spirit shown by all classes in France. France is not only unconquered but unconquerable, he declared, and the audience cheered the statement. In England he had seen and heard of the shelling of defenceless towns by raiding German cruisers, and of the murder of women and children by bombs dropping from Zeppelins. Nothing but the organized power of the Empire, of which Canada was a part, had prevented similar outrages in this country. To Britain's power especially the outlying portions of the Empire, and neutral nations as well, owed it that they had escaped the brutalities of the universal enemy. In closing Sir Robert said:

"It is this united and unconquerable spirit that I would commend to my fellow-countrymen if it were my last word. The entente of Great Britain and of France has been consecrated by the blood of their children shed in a cause which concerns issues greater even than the destiny of these great nations. Let that entente be crowned likewise in Canada by our united and inspiring devotion to the same imperishable cause." (Prolonged cheers.)

British Columbia's Premier.

"I take this opportunity," said Hon. Mr. Brewster, of expressing on behalf of the government of British Columbia and I believe, on behalf of every man and woman in this audience, our pleasure at having with us the premier of Canada, who has addressed us in such a magnificent manner and given us so much subject for thought. "It has been our pleasure within the last few months to listen to Sir Herbert Ames, Sir George Foster and Col. Guthrie, and now we have this splendid address of the prime minister, to be followed by an address from the director-general of national service, who will, I am sure, convince you before he has taken his seat that he is the right man in that very important place."

"While you spoke in so kindly a manner, Sir Robert, of what British Columbia has done, and while I believe she has done remarkably well, I can assure you that you have not heard the last from British Columbia yet. (Cheers.) The statement was attributed to the lamented Lord Kitchener early in the war that it would last for three years. We have heard from the prime minister what I believe is absolutely true, that when Germany could not win in the first six months she cannot win at all. (Hear, hear.) That she could not is due to the dauntless spirit animating the nations with which we are allied as well as ourselves, a spirit which cannot be crushed. To-night, I am satisfied, Germany realizes that the goal sought to be reached is further off than ever."

"We have to see this thing through, and we intend to see it through. (Hear, hear.) There are thousands of Canadians who have no love for militarism, but this fight has been thrust upon us; fight we must and win we shall. (Cheers.)

"I would say to Sir Robert, on behalf of the people of British Columbia, that this is a time when the provinces should pull together to the end that we may have the utmost utilization of the man-effort and the money-effort of Canada to bring about the great culmination we all desire, an absolute and enduring victory. When Mr. Bennett is through you will have begun to realize the tremendous responsibilities placed upon us all in Canada. I know I can assure him and

his leader that the people of British Columbia will not be found wanting in their duty."

Mr. Bennett Speaks.

Mr. Bennett touched on the pleasure and inspiration it was to see the spirit of the Canadian people as it was displayed at this series of meetings, a spirit which seemed to grow more enthusiastic as one traveled westward. He reminded his hearers that Canada is at war to-day not because she is a part of the empire but because she has declared war on her enemies. In the ultimate analysis her action involved life or death. While we have every confidence in victory we must face the contingency of a stalemate or of defeat. A patched-up peace would really be a defeat. (Hear, hear.) Not because we rejoice in bloodshed, for we do not, but because we believe that a lasting peace which will preserve civilization and protect the little nationalities is imperative we are determined that we shall make such a peace possible by destroying German militarism and autocracy.

If the allies were defeated Canada would be part of the spoils of war to Germany. No Monroe Doctrine would save the Dominion. (Cheers.) It would mean the destruction of the new democracy, of the vision of a wider hope. The issue being so great every citizen must bring to bear every ounce of energy and every cent of resources in the best possible manner in order to achieve victory.

Mr. Bennett used the homely but striking illustration of fire-fighting in country and town; elbow-grease and good intentions against co-ordinated man-power and science; the inevitable destruction of property against prompt and effective quelling of the flames. The problem in Canada was to organize every effort to help put out the conflagration whose extension to this country would mean so much, to organize the men, the knowledge, the skill and the science of the country to the prosecution of the war and the attainment of an early and a conclusive peace.

"The man-power of the country was divided into three classes, fighting men, working men and paying men. The young men from 19 to 25 made the best fighting men, the percentage of wastage by disease rising rapidly as they grew older. The man of 50 who volunteered, much as his action was praiseworthy, was apt of place in the army. He should be put where he would release a younger man for the fighting.

Some Sub-Divisions.

The working class divided into five sub-classes, those engaged in agriculture, those working on munitions, those employed in the basic industries, those in the other divisions of industrial activity, and the public service. Agriculture had to be continued, since the army had to be fed; munitions must be manufactured for the use of the army; the industries of the country must be carried on, for if they ceased one would have no country to fight for; the offices of government, the public service, the post office, transportation, could not be allowed to stop.

The social, economic and industrial life of the country must be maintained, and that could only be done by keeping the essential industries alive. There were non-essential industries which could very well be closed-up for the period of the war, and which might be shut up by the government if and while the essential industries lacked men. If a man of 50 could do the work of the man of 20 and do it as well, then the man of 20 ought to be in the class one, the fighting men.

The problem was the adjustment of national life so that each man would be working at the point where he was able to render the best service that was in him. The trained steel-maker must be put in the mill, the coal-cutter in the mine, the tool and gauge maker in the tool-shop. It was not generally known that over one thousand of the men who had gone from Canada in khaki had been drafted into munition plants in England, they being of greater service there than as soldiers. Next came the third class, the men who pay.

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SPORTING NEWS

CUP IS OFFERED FOR SKATING CHAMP.

Skaters-From Entire Province Are Eligible to Enter Contest

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Speed skaters of British Columbia, past, present and future, are to have a chance to compete for the provincial one-mile title. Pete Kearley, of Henry Birks & Sons, is offering on behalf of that firm a handsome cup which will be emblematic of the British Columbia speed championship. Conditions to govern the event, the date for the closing of entries, etc., will be announced later.

Championship Trophy. "It is our intention to offer a trophy for a championship race," stated Mr. Kearley, "and we will invite entries from all adult skaters in the province, the trophy to be emblematic of the provincial championship. The conditions to govern the event will be arranged upon the return of Frank Patrick from Los Angeles. It is my intention to secure his co-operation in staging the event during one of the intermissions at the championship hockey match."

May Race on January 9. Every skater in the province who has championship aspirations will have a chance to compete for the trophy. The distance will be one mile, standing start. It is proposed to hold the event early next month, probably on January 9, on which date the Portland Rosebuds will be in Vancouver for their second visit.

CARPENTIER WOULD WIN FROM WILLARD

New York, Dec. 18.—Joe Jeannette is out with a statement that, in his opinion, Georges Carpentier, the heavyweight champion of Europe, will surely defeat Willard if the two ever get together in a ring bout. Jeannette was the negro pugilist who fought Carpentier in Paris in 1914 and won after fifteen of the most grueling rounds he says he ever experienced.

Jeannette is looked upon as one of the best judges among pugilists. Joe thinks that the French boxer would make Willard "look foolish."

Jeannette says that Carpentier is the greatest living pugilist to-day, that he is a skilled fighter, keen and quick and clever on his feet. He does not think that Willard would be able to hit him.

"Carpentier has not a weak point that I know of. I tried through fifteen rounds of the hardest snelling I ever experienced to find one and he is a hard hitter. I have received many hard punches in my time, but never do I remember being hit so hard as when Carpentier sent me to the floor with a wallop on the jaw."

NO RUGBY GAME.

Owing to the unfavorable condition of the ground the Rugby game that was to have been played on Saturday afternoon between players from the V. I. A. A. and the B. C. Bantams at the Heywood Avenue grounds, did not take place. W. H. Davies, who has been endeavoring to stir up interest in the game among local players, has announced that he is attempting to arrange a Rugby game for Christmas Day between the V. I. A. A. and the navy. He has also written to Vancouver to ascertain if a match cannot be played on New Year's Day with the 21st Battalion.

WILL STICK WITH GAME.

New York, Dec. 18.—World's Champion Jess Willard is through with the circus for good and all, according to Tex Rickard, who says the giant Kansas told him that he was sick and tired of the life. "I would not join up again for a million dollars," said Willard in discussing the matter. "No more one-night stands for me."

Willard said that contrary to certain wild statements, he had earned but \$29,000 during the season and that he could make that much in two or three fights he had decided that in the future he would confine himself to ring activities.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS HELD FINE ENTERTAINMENT

The gymnasium of the local Y. M. C. A. was well filled on Saturday night by the parents and friends of the boy members of the institution who held a very successful as well as interesting stunt and exhibition night. The programme was under the direction of Mr. Hodges, the physical instructor.

The first item was in the nature of a fancy marching drill, all classes of the boys taking part, after which the preparatory boys had a game period under the direction of E. Crompton during which "Rabbits" and "Attack and Retreat" were played. The work of Mr. Hodges on the rings and parallel bars brought forth special applause from the audience, as did also the advanced apparatus work of Frank Carrol, Archie McKinnon and Geoffrey Bidiaki. The wand drill of the Junior school boys was also worthy of special mention, giving an example of the splendid training that the institution is advocating.

The sketch entitled "Picaninies' Bedtime" was the cause of much amusement. Some 30 boys gave the matron, impersonated by G. V. Stobbs, a lively time as soon as her back was turned, indulging in pillow fights and other lively antics, aided and abetted by Mr. Hodges. After this programme was brought to a close by an exhibition of trio pyramids by the Y. M. C. A. senior employed boys, and some elephant voicing in which Charlie Humber and Lewis Fatt were especially noticeable.

"PADDY" GORMAN DEAD

Former Australian Fighter Passed Away in New York.

New York, Dec. 18.—"Paddy" Gorman, the great old-time fighter, died last week in Bellevue hospital. "Paddy" came here from Australia. He was a middleweight, in the class of Dan Creedon, Bob Fitzsimmons and the other great old-timers from the Antipodes. Paddy fought nearly all of the great men of his time, and when he was through he refused to become a hanger-on at sporting events and went to work. He was a carpenter in the employ of the city of New York. In the past few years he had missed only a few days from his regular job.

In San Francisco "Paddy" will be remembered long as the man who whipped Peter Jackson. Peter began abusing "Paddy" in one of the cafes, and in the misapprehension that "Paddy" had decided the better of the milling. He was with Muldoon's show for several years, meeting all comers all over the country. The boxers who were beaten quickly lost their jobs, which were taken by the victor. Charles Dillingham says that Muldoon often told him that "Paddy" Gorman, properly trained, would have been champion in his class.

BILLIARD NEWS.

To-night at 8 o'clock the final game in the Empress Hotel billiard handicap will take place. C. S. Mann (100) will play B. Wright (125). Much interest is being displayed among billiard enthusiasts as to the result of this match. Both players have shown themselves capable of doing some very good work and to-night will see them put forth their very best efforts.

FIRST NINE LAPS.

New York, Dec. 18.—At 7 a. m. today all of the fourteen teams of bicycle riders, who started at midnight in the 24th annual six-day race in Madison Square Garden, were tied with a total of 162 miles, 9 laps. The record for the seventh lap is 167 miles, one lap, made by Eaton-Madden in 1915.

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THINGS WE NEVER HEAR.

"I did not run because so many friends urged me to; I wanted the office." "I cannot answer. I never talk with customers while shaving them." "None of our children ever say cute things." "The plumbers have always been very fair with us."

FIRST PEDEN CUP GAMES ARE PLAYED

Navy Defeat Bantams; Garrison Win by Default; Bays and Wests Win

Of the games that were played on Saturday in the Peden Cup soccer ties only one proved to be a close and hard fought match. This was between the Navy and the Bantams at the Canton Grounds, Esquimalt. At the commencement of the game the Navy lined up with ten men and a few minutes after the start an accident to Hornsby placed the soldiers' team under a similar disadvantage, but before half time the two players were again on the field. The Navy at the start played strongly and netted the ball after a few minutes play, but the Bantams were not long in evening the score. Nevertheless the sailors were able to lead throughout the game, and put through three goals to their opponents' two in the first half. The condition of the ground was too slippery for really good play as the men were unable at times to control their movements when they came upon the ball. Long of the Navy, and Lister, of the Bantams, who played goal did some excellent work the former making two very good saves for his team.

The second half was very hotly contested, and both teams seemed to be evenly matched, so that it was not till near the end of the game that the sailors increased their score by a fine shot, and thus won by 4 goals to 2. Merfield and Jasper scored two goals each for the Navy, while Burns and Cornwall netted the points for the Bantams. The Navy backs, Smith and Rutter, were always ready for their opponents, and held the Bantam's left wing whenever they managed to approach the goal.

The match was refereed by H. B. Robinson, and was played in a very friendly spirit throughout. Both teams were well supported by their respective crowds of rosters, who were present in fairly large numbers despite the unfavorable condition of the weather. The line-ups follow:

Navy—Long; Smith and Rutter; Merfield, Davis (capt.) and Cronin; Hillier, Johnson, Merfield, Jasper and Cozier.

142nd—Lister; Catterall and Barker; Johnson, Hornsby and Blakelborough; Cornwall, F. Youson (capt.), Burns, Johnson and Wilde.

Won by Default.

The Garrison won from the Retailers in Saturday's match by default. Many of the men of the latter team did not turn out, so the game was given to the Garrison, and a friendly match, as played between these two teams, took place on the field, which resulted in a score of 2-0 favoring the soldiers.

Bays Defeat Congos.

The match between the James Bays and the Congos at the Beacon Hill upper ground resulted in a win for the former by a score of 6-0. The game was rather one-sided, and thus lacked much of the interest that it would have had, if the teams had been better matched. Holmes and Shandley both scored two goals, while the Moffat boys made one each.

Wests Defeat Shearwater.

In the soccer game between the Wests and the men of the Shearwater at Beacon Hill on Saturday, the former team started playing uphill, with two men missing, Allen and Sheriff, who were unable to be on hand. From the first the Wests pressed hard, and in four minutes from the start Archie Muir, sending four opponents, was able to score. The play continued to favor the Wests and shots were rained in frequently on the Shearwater custodian. Twenty minutes from the start Shakespeare arrived making ten for the civilians, but try as they would they were unable to score again before half time.

At the commencement of play the Wests again scored, Thomas driving in from a pass by Pettickrew. This seemed to liven up the Sailors and their forwards made a rush and scored, but they lost the ball soon after, and it was netted again for the Wests. Following this Muir again netted a goal, making a very fine shot in doing so. The game from this on was all one-sided, and consequently lost much of its interest to the spectators. The fourth and fifth goals were also scored by Muir, who gave an exhibition of some of the finest play that soccer enthusiasts have seen here for some time. The final score was 5-1.

For the winner, A. Muir, J. Pettickrew, Sherratt, Thomas and White played fine games, while McLeod, who substituted for Sherratt, did credit to himself in guarding the goal. During the interval the Sailors protested that there were no flag poles on the field. This matter will be brought up at the next meeting.

He says that a friend of his called Jones had the misfortune to get in the way of an automobile driven by a lady on Euclid avenue. The friend was taken to a hospital, but his injuries were not serious, so he was immediately removed to the police station, where his assailant was being held. And as soon as Jones got there the lady started in to impress him with the fact that the blame for the accident was all his. "You know, Mr. Jones," she said, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years." "You've got nothing on me, ma'am," said Jones politely. "I've been walking for thirty-four years."

VICTORIA'S TRIBUTE TO SIR R. L. BORDEN

(Continued from page 1.)

The Men Who Pay. "The men who won't pay," a man in the audience interjected.

"My friend need not have the slightest fear that any of these can escape," said the member for Calgary to further remarks about men in Victoria who could pay but would not. As the immortal Gladstone said of the power of the state in another connection, the power of this state to make them pay is not yet exhausted. (Cheers.) I may say with some degree of fairness, and not anticipating what the minister of finance will do, that the man who can pay will be made to pay. (Renewed cheers.) I hear a remark about the taxation of war profits. Again without anticipating the minister of finance, I think I can safely say that what is being done in the United Kingdom in that direction will be followed in Canada. (Heard heard.) Those who can do nothing else but pay, who cannot fight and who cannot work, whether capitalists or great corporation, must pay and so do their bit."

Explaining how the national service board intended to get a census of the man power Mr. Bennett said that in the rural district the postmasters would deliver a card to every man getting mail at his office, and in the cities the letter-carriers would leave cards enough in each house for every male between 16 and 62, calling for their names. It was obligatory to fill in these cards and return them. There were twenty-four questions to be answered, questions which vitally touched the mobilization and utilization of the highest part of efficiency of every man within the state. These cards would be distributed early next month, and what would be known as national service week.

National Service Week. National service week meant that every man and woman was giving service to the state in the best way he or she was adapted to by education, skill, knowledge or fitness. The board asked the men and women of Canada to concentrate themselves for one week to the well-being of the state itself, save the state. The people of Canada could do this, and if their spirit was as every citizen indicated it to be then every class would unite and, by co-ordination and unity of purpose and action, ensure the conservation of their lives to the service of this state and the victory desired.

Mr. Bennett made a special plea for the co-operation of the women, and paid tribute to their splendid work in all phases of usefulness connected with the war. He took occasion to assure labor that there was nothing to alarm anyone in the taking of this census, and reminded them that no class is so vitally interested in both the objects of the board and the conclusion of a decisive peace.

An inventory of national resources is being undertaken by the board, Mr. Bennett said. In this connection he made a strong plea for thrift and the prevention of waste—individual, family, municipal, provincial, national, imperial. As he put it: "Look up that old suit and wear it. It will be quite in fashion, for in a state of war the fashion is what you can get."

Vocal Selections. During the evening solos were rendered by Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey and Mrs. D. B. McCann, each of whom was recalled. The band of the Fifth Regiment was present and played before the meeting opened, and gave the music for the national anthem at the close.

On the stage were His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Frank S. Barnard; Sir Robert Borden, Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley, Hon. H. C. Brewster, Mr. P. P. Hon. William Sloan, Mr. P. P. Hon. T. D. Pattullo, M. P. P.; George H. Barnard, M. P.; F. H. Shepherd, M. P.; R. Rev. Bishop Schofield, Rev. McGregor, Stannish; Rev. Coles, Esq.; Capt. John Hart, M. P. P.; Geo. Bell, M. P. P.; H. C. Hall, M. P. P.; R. H. Pooley, M. P. P.; F. A. Pauline, M. P. P.; Admiral Story, Col. J. Duff Stuart, D. O. C.; Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, Joshua Kingman, A. C. Flumerfelt and representatives of all the patriotic and other organizations.

It is a far try from the baseball diamond to the battlefields of Flanders, but Bill O'Hara has recognized what so many so-called sports have failed to do, namely, that the biggest game in life is being played on the battlefields of Europe. Bill O'Hara, for years a member of the Toronto International baseball team and for a time left fielder for the New York Giants, heard the call, doffed his sporting togs and donned khaki. O'Hara has now been recommended for the military medal in recognition of his bravery and skill in hurling bombs at the Huns. Bill was always able to leave the sphere from the far corner of the left field to the home plate and cut off many a runner. His strong right arm is now proving the undoing of many Huns. Bill is said to take an unholly glee in being able to throw in-shoots, out-curves, and fade-aways on the helpless Huns. O'Hara is a Toronto boy and learned to play the game on the corner lots of the Queen City. Being Irish he just naturally loves a scrap. He joined a Toronto battalion as a private, but is now a Lieutenant. — Montreal Journal of Commerce.

Sergt. Horace M. Gillmor, who has been awarded the military medal, is one of three sons of Senator Dan Gillmor, who are overseas. Young Gillmor was a student in his third year in medicine at McGill when he enlisted as a private in No. 5 field ambulance, and won his stripes for good work in the field. He was born at St. George, N.B., 25 years ago. The action of the Gillmor brothers, who are most enthusiastic Liberals, and their service at the front, like that of thousands of other Liberals, is a direct contradiction of the statement of W. K. McNaught, of Toronto, who recently declared that the bulk of the fighting in this war was being done by Conservatives. — Montreal Journal of Commerce.

MANUFACTURERS MUST ASSIST ORGANIZATION

President of B. C. Body Comments on Recent Action of Eastern Producers

"I notice in a Winnipeg dispatch that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has appointed a former freight agent from Edmonton as secretary for the British Columbia branch of their association," said Mr. J. A. Cunningham, of Vancouver, president of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association. "It seems remarkable to me that at this late date they at last realize the importance of British Columbia. The association, whose interests are so closely identified with the East and not at all in sympathy with the West, would appear now to be going to try and weaken the position the British Columbia association holds in Western Canada."

"That the eastern association is already jealous is well known. I have only to refer to the last annual report of the C. M. A. to prove this. I feel sure, however, that the manufacturers of British Columbia realize what it means to them to have a strong organization in the West, fighting its battles and looking to a development of the resources and industries of British Columbia, which will build up local and not Eastern institutions."

"I have every confidence that we will keep up the strong position we now occupy and that our manufacturers and business men will rally to the support of the British Columbia association, by continued support, and 'patronize home industry.'"

"The wish was father to the thought," continued President Cunningham, "when the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at its last annual meeting expressed the view that the British Columbia association had reached the zenith of its power. There is still much to be done to develop our great natural resources and industries which have begun to reach a thriving condition."

"I might instance two subjects of importance to us, on which we have had a struggle, the question of freight rates and that of a customs officer at New York. Then in the matter of war orders, when we in the West asked them to take it up, we got no help from them. It was only when we went out after the business ourselves that we got anything."

VICTORIAN INVENTOR

J. N. S. Williams Perfects Process That Will Greatly Increase Value of Hawaiian Sugar Crop.

Mr. J. N. S. Williams, a former Victorian, who has been residing in the Hawaiian Islands for a number of years, has discovered a simple process by which the value of the sugar crop of Hawaii will be increased approximately \$2,000,000 per annum. The advertiser, a daily newspaper of Hawaii, describes the method as follows:

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AVIATOR TELLS OF BOMBARDING KRUPP'S

Two French Airmen's Thrilling
Flight to Essen and
Return

CHASED BY HOSTILE AEROPLANES ON JOURNEY

London, Nov. 23.—(By Mail.)—Lieut. Daucourt, who, with Captain Beauchamps, recently flew to Essen and back and bombed the famous Krupp works, has contributed a thrilling story of his daring exploit to the Daily Chronicle.

This 500 miles' journey across the Rhine, which occupied seven hours, was performed with many exciting adventures, both airmen being attacked by enemy scouts as well as anti-aircraft guns.

It is interesting to note that both these brilliant French flying men used a British type of machine.

Lieut. Daucourt writes: How I bombed Essen! Indeed, it was very simple, as you will see by these extracts of my log-book, where I recounted some of my impressions during my journey. I would remind you first that two French aeroplanes, one piloted by Captain Beauchamps, the other by me, effected the raid. Our preparations and the way our planes were fitted cannot be described here, being, I am afraid, considered as a military secret. But it might interest you to know that the machines were of British design.

Although the distance to be covered was pretty nearly 500 miles it was not to frighten me. I had an extensive training for seven years, and have always been a specialist of long distance flying, as witness my participation in the Circuit de Paris (400 miles), La Coupe Pommery 1912 (540 miles), Paris-Berlin in 1913 (600 miles), and my great journey Paris-Vienna-Budapest-Bucharest-Yarna-Constantinople-Konia-Adana, and finally Syria (over 2,000 miles).

Over German Lines.
At 4 a. m.—My friend Beauchamps has just gone and I followed two minutes later. One thousand yards up, 2,000, 3,000 we keep on getting higher and higher. The weather is clear with just a few clouds over 3,000 feet. The air is distinctly cold.

At 12 a. m.—I am full over the Boche lines. We are seen and the anti-aircraft guns start a curtain of fire a little forward but too high. The white puffs of the 77 make a line of smoke which I have got to cross. Soon the shells become more and more numerous. Three hundred shots at least must have been fired in a few minutes. Time after time I get right into the smoke of the bursting shells, and I can hear pieces of steel whistle near, very near. Oh! the Boche gunner recites its range. But he is too low now, so I go higher still, and I pass.

Now there are shots on my left, which burst with black smoke, 100 calibre shells. This is getting more serious. Shots get nearer, I point towards the left slightly, and, all of a sudden, I go 30 degrees to the left and drop straight towards the ground for 300 feet. The game is finished and the gunners done. Out of spite they shoot all over the place, and the shells burst now at the back of me. It looks as if I was going to get out of trouble without much difficulty.

Now where is my friend? I cannot see him. Has he been brought down? Has he changed his line?

Attacked by Enemy Airman.

A little under me I can see a big, fat yellow plane. Black crosses! It's a Boche. Another one follows very near. The distance between us is about 600 feet, but they are much slower than I am. Chac-clac-clac. It is Mr. Boche opening fire. The short bursts of his machine gun keep crackling. The brute does not shoot badly. Shall I engage him in a fight? It is really very tempting.

But no, Essen is my only target, and I have no right to compromise, by a passing engagement, the success of our raid. I open my engine right out, and lose soon my aggressors.

As I fly over Treves I just distinguished on my left the outline of another plane. It is getting nearer and nearer. The sun prevents me from seeing it clearly, although I seem to recognize the silhouette of my companion's machine. No doubt it is him. I can now see his blue, white and red cordage. And all of a sudden I feel very happy. One is so very lonely up there, very, very high.

A little later I change my direction and go straight north, leaving Coblenz on my left. Far in front of me I can see a small grey ribbon. . . . The time. It looks beautiful from up here. Somehow my confidence increases very minute. Sure, everything will go well. I cross over the right bank. On the river many long convoys of barges go on towards Coblenz. If only I did

HIS DIAGNOSIS



Member of Local Relief Committee. "So I understand you cannot pay your rent, Mr. Brown. Is it owing to the war?"
Mr. Brown: "No, mum, it's owing to the landlord."

not have a consignment of bombs to deliver. I should go down to gun them. It is funny how strong these temptations are.

Here is Bonn. My friend and co-raider is still on my right. My engine keeps on turning merrily, and I marvel at the ease with which I have covered these first 200 kilometres. A quick calculation shows me that we are going at the rate of about 130 miles an hour. It is a goodish speed. The weather is cold up here. My thermometer shows 16 degrees below zero. To try and get warm I move arms and legs as much as I can in that cramped space. A few drops of peppermint which I drink warm my inside and cool my mouth.

Underneath the Rhine and still more boats. Now we pass a town which seems enormous. It is Cologne. What a splendid target it would make. But there are women, children, old people, and I am a soldier, not a pirate. I must only aim at destroying the military power of the enemy.

Now I point straight towards Dusseldorf. But all the district disappears under a pool of smoke. What an extraordinary agglomeration of works! Here are Solingen, Elberfeld, Barmen, black country criss-crossed by innumerable railway lines and with hundreds of high chimneys, like guns, pointing to the sky. Down there a tremendous amount of arms of all sorts, guns, munitions, etc., all to be directed against us, are produced with a tremendous activity.

Essen at last!

Essen at last. I am over what has been considered as the heart of Germany, over the town which stands as the symbol of brutal force. Where now are the Krupp's works. There, at the west of the town. How large they are! The shops and buildings between which trains are running seem innumerable. The attempts to disguise it are indeed foolish. It is the most perfect target one can imagine. Now I suppose I am going to be "strafed." I look here and there for bursting shells. Nothing. They aim too low. However, some very violent waves of air of which I do not understand the cause disturb for a moment my bombing preparations.

Two o'clock. The centre of the works pass. I drop my torpedoes in rapid succession. My friend who is over me and a little on the left drops his also. I guess, more than I can exactly see, as I am so very high, that underneath in the works the people suffer from a sort of madness. There are rushes of people soon hidden by clouds of smoke which rise from many points. Nearly at the centre it seems that there is a formidable explosion, followed by intense fire. What a joy to have attained one's aim.

Krupp has been bombed, in full daylight, in spite of its anti-aircraft guns and of its planes. I suppose that now the Boches must be mad with fury, and will try to chase us. Never mind, my mission has been fulfilled, I will fight enemy planes if they come.

Chase on Return Journey.

I am again over Dusseldorf, but not going so fast as in coming. The wind, which has veered, hampers me. A quick verification of my oil and petrol tanks. All is well, I can keep up for another six hours. The clouds get denser and denser. There is at some moments a thick mist, which veils completely the ground. My only guide is now the compass, S.S.W.

As I am browsing, some explosions thunder louder than the noise of my engine. I turn right round, so that the Boche gunner loses the range. But as I turn I see 1,500 or 2,000 ft. under me three Boche planes who are giving chase.

fers not to engage a fight and flies towards the left. But the others are attacking me from the back. It is time to go.

Have I wounded my opponent? I don't think so, as he seems to be flying straight again, but very much lower. Soon the two others are only black spots. The chase has lasted over 30 minutes, and I have got a real stiff neck, so often did I turn round.

Now I have been up six hours. Time drags dreadfully. My eyes hurt, and I suffer from the cold. Evidently I am over Belgium now. But where? I must know. I come down, engine stopped. How sweet is that silence after six hours of tempest! Four thousand feet; it is low enough.

Among Friends Again.

6.30.—I cannot stand it any more. I am coming down, 7,000 feet, 5,000 feet, 1,000 feet. I cannot hear the guns any more. But what are these? Bivouacs. Am I in France? I keep on for another quarter of an hour, going south, and finally alight in an immense field, far from a village. If I am on the territory invaded by the Germans I'll fly away under their nose.

I am at the end of the field, ready to start again in case of alert. I have kept my engine turning slowly. After five minutes of waiting, some people come running towards me, peasants. I shout to them at the top of my voice, "Where are you?" "At Champaubert," they answer me. What a joy is mine. I am in France, back, after having succeeded in what seemed to men an impossible enterprise.

My notes finish here. There is anyhow little to add. I jumped from my machine, but my legs were so numb that for some time they would not support me. However, after a few minutes, I felt quite well again, and, cheered to the echo by the villagers, who had arrived in large numbers, I left again to report to my chiefs, and heard that my friend had arrived quite safely, and landed about 60 miles from me. My happiness was then complete.

And now, Mr. Krupp, to the pleasure of seeing you again, soon.

BONUS FOR EMPLOYEES.

A large number of commercial and financial organizations are issuing year-end statements to their employees, announcing special rewards for faithful service during an unusually strenuous and arduous year. In adopting this policy corporations are recognizing the fact that conditions, being abnormal, are unlikely to be permanent, and that for the time being the existence of high prices for practically all the necessities of life have greatly increased. Some of the banks are graduating the amount of bonus paid to their employees so that the maximum of benefit will go to married men who are in the lower grades of the service.

The largest commercial organization to announce such benefits is the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, the directors of which have decided to grant for the year 1916 to all employees of one year or more service (engaged on a monthly basis) one month's salary; and to all similar employees in the service for a period of from six months to a year, a bonus of a fortnight's salary. These gifts will be payable to several thousand employees from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A very large proportion of the Imperial Oil payroll represents shareholders of the company. A year ago the opportunity was offered to every employee to invest in its stock on exceedingly advantageous terms, and to the large number who accepted the offer the investment has proved unusually lucrative.

"My cross-examination didn't seem to worry you much," said the famous lawyer to the witness, after the trial. "Have you had any previous experience?" "Just a little," replied the witness. "I am the father of six children."

REIGN OF TERROR EXISTS IN BRUSSELS

Germans Overawe Citizens by
Machine Guns on the
Boulevards

London, Dec. 18.—Information concerning the reign of terror in Belgium furnished the Times by a neutral correspondent recently returned from Brussels is supplemented by the following communication from another source:

"The Germans are cutting down trees in the Ardennes and sending its timber across the frontier as fast as they can. They are determined to impoverish the country. Laborers have been deported to other parts of Belgium and are being employed in the work of plunder and destruction. It is characteristic of German cunning that men from Flanders have been chosen to despoil the Walloon district. There never has been much love between the Flemings and the Walloons, and von Blissing takes advantage of old feuds to stir up strife and provoke offences for which heavy penalties are exacted.

"It is sought to abolish the French language altogether. Public notices throughout the country, which formerly were printed in French, are now in Flemish. The names of the streets are indicated in both languages. In many rural districts French is now suppressed and German will be employed after January 1. All official communications are made exclusively in Flemish. Teaching of German and Flemish in the schools is made obligatory.

"It is reported that teachers and scholars in the normal school at Mons and Nivelles have been deported to Germany. If this is true, it proves that the object of the deportation was not merely to provide work for the unemployed. The communal schools in Brussels are allowed to continue their usual course. The convent schools in various parts of the country which depended mainly upon boarders, many of whom came from foreign countries, are allowed to keep open for the tuition of scholars.

Turned Into Barracks.
"The big establishment at Thildonck, near Louvain, which used to accommodate 400 girls, has been turned into a barracks. The Saverthem convent, on the outskirts of Brussels, which took 200 pension girls, a large proportion of them English, has suffered severely. The nuns now have only 40 day scholars. The college at Thielt, which was in course of construction when the war started, is now the headquarters of the general staff. It is fortunate for the burgomaster of Thielt that one of the sisters in the college was a German. He had been arrested and condemned to death, but she pleaded his cause so capably that his life was spared.

"The daily record of arrests, fines and deportations and executions is growing longer and longer. All the clerks of the Hotel de Ville in Brussels were arrested last week and sent to Germany. As it is impossible to give lists of the inhabitants demanded by the German authorities, so many people having been removed and social life being altogether disorganized, the municipal employees are held responsible and punished. House to house visitations are being made by the German police. All men between 18 and 58 years have been called up for examination. Those from whom money can be extorted are allowed to remain. The rest are carried off. It is reckoned that over 200,000 have already been dispatched.

"A few days ago a troop of German soldiers surrounded the paper mills of De Naeve at Willebroek, where 300 men are employed, and more than 250 were taken, placed on cattle trucks and allowed no farewell to their families.

Terrorizing Citizens.
"Extraordinary measures have been taken to terrorize the people of Brussels. On Wednesdays, which are still holiday days, when the boulevards are more crowded than usual, soldiers are marched through the streets with

motor drawn machine guns, the walls of the city are plastered with notices of executions and condemnations in order to frighten the citizens into a state of submission.

"Anxiety exists concerning the fate of Julian Nagelmackers, a banker of Liege, who was arrested three weeks ago with his brother. Nothing has been heard of them since, and no one knows on what charge they have been arrested, probably a heavy ransom has been demanded for their release. It is remembered that a member of this family, Georges Nagelmackers, chairman of the International Sleeping Car Company, died in his chateau in the Ardennes of shock when the enemy committed outrages in that district in the early days of the war. Damage to the extent of more than \$100,000,000 was done in the valley of the Meuse at that time.

"The way in which Belgium has withstood the drain on her financial resources is proof of her prosperity before she was attacked. Henri Masson of the Brussels Court of Appeals estimated Belgium's losses during the first four months of the war at \$1,250,000,000, and since then \$250,000,000 have been contributed by the state toward the maintenance of the army of occupation. More millions have been taken from towns and individuals.

"At least 10,000 machines and engines have been seized and sent to Germany. Liege alone has lost 5,000. Eight hundred thousand workmen have been thrown out of employment. The aim of the Germans is to reduce the brave and industrious little nation to a state of poverty and force the people into a condition of slavery. The monthly sum demanded of the Belgian government has now been raised to \$250,000,000. Levies have been made also upon the cities of Brussels and Antwerp.

"The fate of the women left behind the deported men presents a fresh problem. It is announced already that a large number have found their way to Holland, where a new camp for Belgian female refugees has been prepared. Men of military age are not permitted to get away, but women who must be fed are not likely to be stopped.

"Meantime food is getting scarcer. Most butcher shops are closed and

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meat is unobtainable. Bakers are still able to supply bread of an inferior quality and butter is seldom seen. Coal in Brussels is now \$15 a ton. Fats and oil of all kinds are supplied only to Germans. It being impossible to get lubricating grease, many tramway services are suspended.

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MUSICAL COMEDY

HEADS-NEW BILL

Chorus of Pretty Girls and Big List of Entertaining Features at Pantages

The headline feature at the Pantages this week is "All Aboard," one of the most pretentious musical comedy productions, before the vaudeville public to-day. Six beautiful and different scenes are utilized in the offering. The story originates in a fascinating Southern homestead, surrounded by much of the romance of the region. The following scene is aboard a yacht and shows the entire company setting out for a trip around the world to visit the various popular capitals. Incidents of the trip are shown in the succeeding scenes.

The Whiteside Company consists of

one woman and three men comedians and a big beauty chorus of ten unusually handsome maidens who, according to criticisms from other cities, are excellent singers and dancers. The comedy is unusual, as the skit really is a bit of travelogue which takes the audience to the principal European capitals.

A European circus novelty is presented by two remarkable ponies and a number of highly trained dogs, who work with almost human intelligence, performing their parts without a hitch or coaching. The act is well staged.

Moss and Frye give a lot of original nonsense that is up to its name and their solos and duets are rendered with sweet voices and fine effect. Nancy Fair, petite and charming, sings beautifully and gives impersonations of Jane Cowl, Bernhardt and Frank Fogarty. Her work wins her many recalls. The Novell brothers, comedy acrobats, give a pleasing and novel act, playing violins while performing difficult acrobatic feats, closing with an amusing skit, and a quaint song feature is furnished by Walsh and Rand, singing treasure songs of the past.

The fifth episode of the "Shielding Shadow" is full of new interest. Leon-

time, to secure One Lamp Louie's written confession of a forgery, which has unjustly sent Jerry Carson to prison and later to his death, contrives to enter a closely guarded gambling house, where Ramanoff, a master crook, who has stolen the paper, is consulting with Bianca, a queen of blackmailers, concerning its value. Within is a "hidden house," the only entrance to which is through a secret panel. Leonine, pretending she has fainted, is carried into the secret chamber by a servant. On the other side of the wall she finds herself before the beautiful Bianca surrounded by her band of gentlemen crooks, and is astounded to discover her husband, Sebastian, who is bargaining for the paper, the disclosure of which would implicate him.

The tense scene suddenly has an invisible intervention. The paper is mysteriously snatched from Bianca by an unseen force, and Leonine finds it in her own hand. One by one the crooks, who attempt to seize it from her, are knocked down by a powerful invisible antagonist. Sebastian, fighting with the unseen foe, is felled by a vase which rising in the air hurls itself at him. Step by step to the door Leonine is shielded by her unseen defender



SCENE FROM "MISTER 44"

AT ROYAL VICTORIA THEATRE

and escapes. After a fight she pauses breathlessly beneath a street lamp and begins reading. Suddenly it is snatched from her by One Lamp Louie, who has followed her.

STIRRING DRAMA

AT THE DOMINION

WILLIAM FARNUM IS
STAR AT COLUMBIA

America's Favorite Screen
Artist Appearing Here
in Movies

William Farnum, who appears in a dual role in "The Wonderful Adventure," a new William Fox feature from the virile pen of Captain Wilbur Lawton, is America's favorite screen artist and matinee idol of the day. Mr. Farnum is the highest salaried actor of the screen to-day, drawing \$100,000 a year for his work. Mr. Farnum was the first of the great legitimate actors to forsake the stage, but he says to-day that he never was more contented nor happier in his work.

He was an immediate success when the first picture in which he appeared was released. Quickly one great feature after another followed and in each instance Mr. Farnum's drawing power was apparent. Great features in which this noted actor has caused a perfect sensation are: "The Nigger," "A Gilded Fool," "The Plunderer," and "The Bondman." Hall Caine's most famous book and drama.

Mr. Farnum is a man of unusual personality. He is tractable and modest and has none of that self-conceit which is found all too often with persons in all walks of life who have made successes.

His wide scope of character delineation is a marvel to all who watch his work. In one picture alone he will take several parts, each as far from the other as the two poles. For instance, in "Samson," he is first a dock hand, brutal and ignorant, and later a polished man of the world, a business colossus. In each phase of the character of Maurice Brachard, Mr. Farnum is equally impressive. In "A Gilded Fool" he appears in a character entirely new to him, that of Chauncey Short, a good-hearted young fellow with an ambition to spend an inheritance of \$5,000,000 as quickly as possible. Fate, and a girl alter Chauncey's character utterly, and Mr. Farnum emphasizes both sides of Chauncey with amazing fidelity to detail and life. In "The Nigger," his work as Philip Morrow he gives a magnificent portrayal of a part that calls for strength and dignity.

In "The Wonderful Adventure," however, Mr. Farnum can be said to be at his best in character portrayal. In this magnificent feature picture, he plays a dual part. He is in one character a rough and rugged man of the plains whose life has been cast in rough and thorny places, and in the other character he is a well-to-do business man, who stands high in the community, whose home life is ideal and happy.

In the character of the rough man he becomes a dope fiend, and he lives out and acts upon the screen the awful sufferings and tortures that make up the life of one cursed with the drug habit.

CHILD IS STAR OF
FIVE-REEL PLAY

It is not usual for a big producing company to cast a six-year-old child as the star of a five-reel feature. But little Zoe Rae is no ordinary six-year-old, and she is the big feature of the new photo-play attraction at the Variety for the first three days of this week, called "Gloriana." In this production little Zoe Rae firmly establishes her claim to the coveted title of "youngest leading lady."

The story gives her tremendous opportunities and she takes advantage of all of them in a fashion that is almost uncanny. Gloriana, a child of the stage, supports her mother while her father is in the trenches "somewhere in France," fighting for his country. One day while Gloriana is giving her performance, a cable is handed to the mother informing her that the husband and father has been killed. The shock is more than the woman's weak heart can resist. There is a call for a physician from the audience. Thus is introduced a theme which is made most fascinating in the photoplay.

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With Myrtle Stedman

COMING THURSDAY—"The Heir to the Hoorah"

struggled about the room until the scenes were secured and then the victor and vanquished went to lunch together to hold a "post-mortem" over the conflict.

Camosun Chapter.—An emergency meeting is called for 2.30 Monday afternoon.

The judge was passing sentence on a very defiant looking culprit. "This is a sad case," his honor said. "You, who remained honest until you were 60, have tarnished your name and dishonored your family, all for the sake of three miserable dollars." "Please, be fair," said the prisoner. "Was it my fault there were so few?"

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"THE PLAY'S THE THING"

ANNA PAVLOWA IS TO BE SEEN NEXT WEEK

Greatest Dancer of All Times
 Will Be Next Week's Feature
 at Columbia

The Universal picture, "The Dumb Girl of Portici," which marks the debut on the screen of the greatest dancer of

our times, Anna Pavlova, was given its New York premiere on the evening of April 3, and will be run here next week at the Columbia theatre. Mlle. Pavlova is supported in the picture by a large company of Universal players and by her own Ballet Russe. Great interest was expressed in the New York papers on the coincidence of the presenting of the Pavlova film simultaneously with the return of the Russian ballet organization to the Metropolitan opera house. The opening was a great success and the comments of the large crowd as they left the theatre showed that a notable achievement had been accomplished. For example, the entire picture was made in this country, at Universal City, California, under the

direction of the Universal Directress Lois Weber, yet several people asked in what locality in Europe the exterior scenes had been taken.

Pavlova's manager, Max Rabinooff, of the Boston Opera Company, was present at the guest of Mr. Lammie, president of the Universal Film Company; and after the performance they conversed with Mlle. Pavlova over the long-distance telephone, informing her of the splendid reception which the picture had received. Pavlova was much disappointed at not being able to attend the New York premiere, but her engagement in Salt Lake City made it impossible for her to do so. The illustration shows Mlle. Pavlova as she was photographed in the act of answering the long distance call in her hotel in Salt Lake City, and expressing her pleasure in the reported enthusiasm of the public over her picture.

"MISTER 44" BEING SHOWN AT ROYAL

Victoria Theatre Feature Ex-
 ceptionally Fine This
 Week

"Mister 44," a Metro picture produced by the York Film Corporation, with Harold Lockwood and May Allison in the stellar roles, is the big feature attraction at the Royal Victoria theatre to-night, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is one of the finest productions in which these popular stars have ever appeared, and it is one of the most entertaining features ever released on the Metro programme. There is a wealth of beautiful and wonderfully picturesque mountain scenes, where much of the action takes place. There are glimpses of city life in the factory district and among the slums, while in striking contrast are scenes enacted at an exclusive country club in which scores of prominent society folk actually participated.

"Mister 44" is a story of distinctive American romance, with a wholesome and refreshing appeal. Mr. Lockwood and Miss Allison have a distinguished supporting cast which includes such well known artists of the screen and stage as Lester Cuneo, Franklin Hall, Yonda Landowska, Aileen Allen, Belle Hutchison, Lee Arms and Henry Otto. Mr. Otto also directed the production. He also produced "The River of Romance," in which Mr. Lockwood and Miss Allison were starred by Metro.

A small girl of three years suddenly burst out crying at the dinner-table. "Why, Ethel," said her mother, "what is the matter?" "Oh," whined Ethel, "my teeth stepped on my tongue."



At the Variety Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

FORMER GERMANS HAVE RIGHTS AS CANADIANS

Carl and Gus Newman, Germans, who became naturalized Canadians, but at the outbreak of war removed to the United States, where they applied to become American citizens, were on Friday held by the court of appeal in Vancouver to still be Canadian subjects, and as such have a right to sue in the Canadian courts.

The lower court had treated the men as alien enemies, and refused them right to sue a prairie farmer named Bradshaw over a sale of land, but the appeal judges were unanimous in their finding that the men are still entitled to the rights of Canadian subjects. R. L. Reid, K. C., appeared on behalf of the appellants.

In delivering judgment, Chief Justice Macdonald said it was true the appellants left Canada in 1913, and took out their domicile in the United States. They might have ceased to be citizens in Canada as defined by the Immigration Act, but in his opinion that had nothing to do with it. They still remained British subjects. One of them was said to have made declaration of his intention to apply for citizenship there. It was admitted he had not become a citizen of the United States. His lordship did not know that that would make a difference if he had obtained citizenship there, because, instead of being an alien enemy, he would then be a citizen of a neutral country.

"I have often felt that something might be done with regard to the de-

claration made," stated Mr. Justice McPhillips. "I consider the declaration an offensive one, yet we have maintained and do maintain the closest and most friendly relations with the United States."

Mistress: "Did you see if the butcher had pig's feet?" Maid: "No, ma'am. I couldn't; he had his boots on."

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WIRELESS REPORTS

December 18, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Fog; rain; S. E. light;
29.93; 38; thick.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; W.; 29.80; 41;
sea rough. Spoke str Starr, 10.25 p.m.,
off Cape Mudge, southbound; spoke str
Camosun, 11 p.m., abeam, southbound.
Pachena—Rain; S. E.; 29.85; 45;
light swell.
Estevan—Overcast; N. W. light;
29.79; 38; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Rain; calm; 29.65; 35;
sea smooth. Passed out, str Princess
Beatrice, 11 p.m., southbound.
Triangle—Cloudy; squally; S. W.;
29.90; 41; sea moderate. Spoke str
Mariposa, 7.35 p.m., north of Queen
Charlotte Sound, northbound; spoke
str Princess Maquinna, 7.55 a.m., off
Ivory Island, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; W.
light; 29.72; 29; sea smooth.
Hedda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.44; 36;
sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; S. W.
light; 29.62; 37; sea smooth.
Noon.
Point Grey—Overcast; N. W. light;
29.78; 42; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Overcast; W.; 29.98; 43;
sea moderate. Spoke str Princess Be-
atrice, 10.30 a.m., off Cape Mudge, south-
bound; str Henriette abeam, 10.45 a.m.,
southbound.
Pachena—Cloudy; W.; 29.85; 50; light
swell.
Estevan—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.70;
40; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.63; 34;
sea moderate.
Triangle—Cloudy; E. light; 29.32; 43;
sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. W.
light; 29.82; 34; sea smooth.
Hedda Bay—Cloudy; N. E.; 29.54; 40;
sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Passing snow show-
ers; W. light; 29.68; 37; sea smooth.
Spoke str Chelohsin, 8.05 a.m., off
Sheena River, due Prince Rupert, 11.30
a.m.; str Prince John, 11.15 a.m., due
Prince Rupert at noon.

TWELVE SHIPWRECKED
MEN ARE RESCUED

New York, Dec. 18.—The twelve men
thought to have been lost on the
barque Nethia, separated from the tug
Geobald during a storm off the New
Jersey coast on a voyage north from
Brazil, were rescued yesterday by the
Italian ship Sardegna, which brought
them to this port to-day. The Nethia
was abandoned.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS					
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Itakushima Maru	Oguri	2,800	R. P. Rithet	Kobe	Dec. 21
Shimbu Maru	Kobe	2,800	R. P. Rithet	Kobe	Dec. 22
Yokohama Maru	Noma	4,000	Gt. Northern	Hongkong	Dec. 22
Tambara Maru	Nagasue	3,800	Gt. Northern	Hongkong	Jan. 18

DEEP SEA DEPARTURES					
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Awa Maru	Hayashi	3,512	Gt. Northern	Kobe	Dec. 18
Niagara	Bolla	7,582	C. P. R.	Sydney	Dec. 20

COASTWISE SERVICES					
For Vancouver			For Prince Rupert		
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2 p.m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice daily at 11.45 a.m.			Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a.m.		
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a.m.			From Prince Rupert		
From Vancouver			Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a.m.		
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 3 p.m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 6.30 a.m.			For Comox		
For San Francisco			Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a.m.		
Steamer President, Dec. 15			From Comox		
From San Francisco			Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.		
Steamer Governor, Dec. 18			Steamer Prince Rupert leaves Vancouver Thursdays, 11 p.m.		
For Seattle			From Skagway		
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p.m.			Steamer Prince Rupert arrives Vancouver Thursdays, 6 p.m.		
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a.m.			From Helberg		
From Seattle			Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 20th of each month.		
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 11 p.m.			From Helberg		
From Port Angeles			Steamer Tees arrives on 7th and 27th of each month.		
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a.m.			From Clayoquot		
From Port Angeles			Steamer Tees leaves on 10th of each month.		
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a.m.			From Clayoquot		
			Steamer Tees arrives on 10th of each month.		

HUGE SILK CARGO
ON EMPRESS OF ASIA

C. P. R. Liner Brings in 5,730
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On her eleventh inward voyage from the Far East the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davidson, R. N. R., reached the outer docks at 10.30 o'clock this morning with 171 saloon passengers, 229 Chinese in the steerage and carrying 5,730 tons of general Oriental merchandise in her hold. The Asia's cargo included 4,920 bales of raw silk and 79 cases of silk goods, the total silk cargo being valued at over \$3,000,000, one of the largest shipments brought over this year.

The silk cargo is consigned to New York and will be routed overland by special train from Vancouver immediately the liner arrives at the main-land port.

The growing demand for raw silk in the United States caused the exports of that product from Japan to reach a value of \$5,271,000 during the month of November. When compared with the amount during the same month last year this figure shows an increase of \$2,518,500. During the eleven months ending with November this year, the total amount of raw silk exported from Japan was valued at \$118,823,500, a mark far above all previous records.

Of the 171 saloon passengers brought in by the Asia, sixty disembarked at this port. The 229 Chinese steerage passengers were put ashore at William Head for bacteriological examination under the quarantine regulations that have been put in force to guard against cholera.

Among the first class passengers coming here was Capt. S. S. Sandberg, who was formerly master of the Pacific Mail liner Korea. Up to the time this vessel, together with the Siberia, was chartered to the International Mercantile Marine interests, Capt. Sandberg piloted her between San Francisco and ports in the Orient. The Korea, known as the Korea Maru, is now owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha. Capt. Sandberg is returning to his home at Los Angeles, Cal.

With her arrival to-day the Empress of Asia completed a stormy trip from Japan. She sailed from Yokohama at 3 p.m. on December 8 and immediately after clearing the Japan coast was assailed by westerly gales which, with varying intensity, remained with the ship for six days. The seas were following and consequently the progress of the big liner was not impeded. After crossing the 180th meridian the Asia plunged into a head gale which raged with hurricane force for 24 hours. Two of the liner's boilers were out of commission throughout the trans-Pacific trip, but despite this handicap she made good time.

As she approached the coast the weather became misty and she was slowed down to make the entrance to the straits.

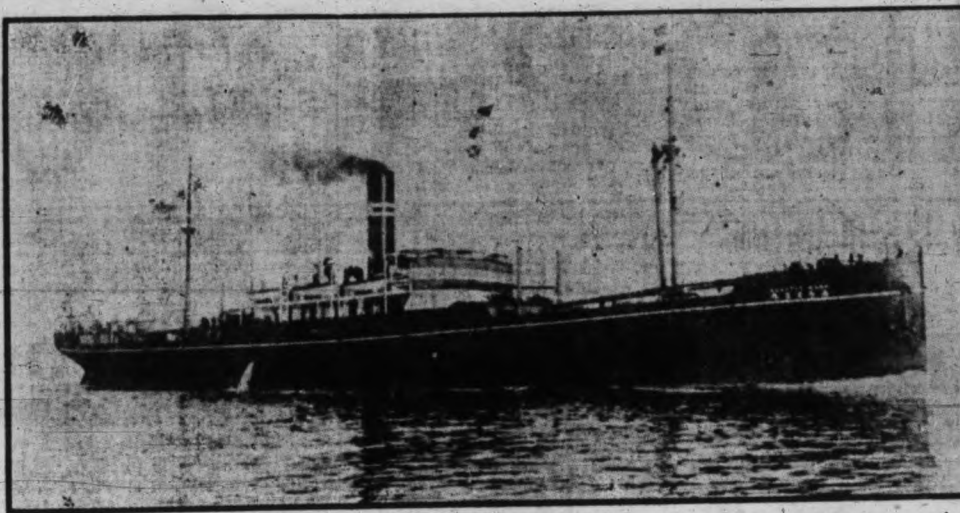
Capt. Davidson states that for the first time since the large Empresses have been plying in the trans-Pacific service, the Empress of Asia went alongside the new Kowloon wharf at Hongkong on the completion of her last outward voyage. Hitherto the big vessels have been moored in the harbor, the passengers put ashore by tender, and the cargo discharged on lighters. From the cargo hold, he says, the big ships will go to the new wharf, which means that the dispatch of the boats will be greatly facilitated.

Apart from her valuable silk consignment, the Asia to-day brought in a large shipment of rubber from the Straits Settlements, several thousand cases of shell and dried Chinese eggs and consignments of rice and tea.

After putting passengers ashore the liner sailed shortly after noon for Vancouver. The officers of the Asia, from Capt. Davidson down, are looking forward to spending the Christmas holiday ashore, the liner being posted to sail outwards December 28.

This is the first time the Asia has been on this coast during the Yuletide season since she entered the service.

DUE FROM THE ORIENT ON WEDNESDAY



O. S. K. LINER PANAMA MARU

The Panama Maru is making her first call here in many months. She, together with the Seattle Maru, was replaced in the Hongkong-Victoria trade about a year ago by the liners Hawaii Maru and Manila Maru.

LEON WAS HOVE-TO
IN FOG OFF CAPE

Harrison Steamship Occupied
Over Four Days on Trip
From San Francisco

Terminating one of the longest sea runs ever made between San Francisco and Victoria, the British steamer Crown of Leon, of the Harrison Direct Line, slipped into her berth here early this morning, 52 days out from Liverpool.

The Crown of Leon got away from San Francisco at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and it was not until late yesterday that she rounded the Race Rocks and proceeded to the Royal Roads, where she dropped anchor for the night. The unusually long coast passage by the Leon was emphasized by the arrival of the steamship Governor, which sailed from the Golden Gate at noon on Saturday and docked at the opposite berth to the Leon at 11.30 o'clock this morning.

Capt. Oliver, of the Crown of Leon, reports having encountered heavy fog when about 24 hours out from the Cape. Its density was so great that it was impossible to pick up the Swiftsure lightship, with the result that the Leon was hove-to off the entrance to the straits from Saturday evening until yesterday forenoon, when the mist lifted sufficiently to permit her to enter. The captain refused to take any chances and decided to lay offshore until the conditions were more favorable.

The Crown of Leon, which is on her first voyage here in the Harrison service, will remain until to-morrow morning discharging cargo. She carries 350 tons of general freight for this port, including mining steel, bricks, and two "retorts" for the Victoria Chemical Works. She also carries a large consignment of liquors for Vancouver.

Extremely dirty weather was experienced by the Leon on the trip from Liverpool to the Panama canal zone. Continuous heavy gales hammered the ship from the time she slipped out of the Irish Sea until she passed the Bermudas. No submarines were sighted on the outward trip, which fact is probably accounted for by the tempestuous weather prevailing as the vessel steamed out of the St. George's Channel.

Capt. Oliver was formerly chief officer of the Crown of Seville and he also served for a period on the Crown of Arragon, plying between the British coast and the Dardanelles when the Gallipoli campaign was under way.

The Crown of Seville and the Crown of Toledo have both been commandeered by the British government, the former being replaced in the North Pacific service by the steamer Ormiston. The Crown of Leon is one of the oldest ships of the Crown fleet, being 25 years old. She was built in 1894 by Barclay, Curle & Co., at Glasgow, and is owned by the Crown Steamship Co., Ltd., Messrs. Prentice, Service & Henderson, managers.

BANK LINE SERVICE
IS BEING RESUMED

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Re-establishment of the Bank Line of steamers from Puget Sound to the Orient, which practically means a new direct line from this coast, is the latest development in Pacific shipping. A. M. Gillespie, agent for Andrew Weir & Co., of London, who formerly operated the Bank Line out of this port, has received a cablegram from London asking him to place the steamer Hanna Nielsen on berth at Seattle for December loading for ports in Japan and China. The Hanna Nielsen will be followed by the Capto and Talabot, now building at San Francisco, the first in January and the latter in February, all three vessels having been chartered by Andrew Weir & Co.

The Bank Line formerly operated the steamers Kumeric, Laceric, Suveric and Orteric, but before the outbreak of the war discontinued the service. The word from London is the first movement that the company has taken to re-establish its service on the route.

The Hanna Nielsen has a measurement cargo capacity of 12,000 tons, the Capto 3,000 tons and the Talabot 14,000 tons. All three are the last word in steel freighter construction, having latest auxiliary machinery and also will have speed for greater than the ordinary cargo steamship and as good as many passenger steamers.

ZAFIRO MAY AGAIN
SEE OCEAN SERVICE

Freighter Which Supplied Coal
to Admiral Dewey's Fleet
Figures in Deal

After being laid up on Burrard Inlet for several years, the old steamer Zafiro may again take the seas as a cargo carrier. The vessel is now being examined at Vancouver by shipping men with a view to fitting her out as a motorship. Final contracts and papers have not yet been signed, but the deal is expected to be closed this week. The Zafiro was formerly a British steamer, and at the battle of Manila Bay, in the Spanish-American war, when Admiral Dewey was short of coal for the American fleet, he bought the ship and her coal cargo.

Later the Zafiro piled as an American vessel and a few years ago was purchased by a Vancouver junk firm and taken to Burrard Inlet to be dismantled. All her fittings, engines and boilers were removed, and the vessel was a mere shell, but since the enormous rise in tonnage values and the enormous war freights, she has again come into the market, and there is every possibility that she will be fitted out as a motor vessel.

TURRET CROWN IS
CHARTERED BY GRACE

The well known shipping firm of W. R. Grace & Co. are the charterers of the steamer Turret Crown, recently fixed to load lumber at Port Angeles for the Panama Canal zone. The Turret Crown will tow the barge St. David on her forthcoming southbound trip, the aggregate cargoes of the two vessels being 2,500,000 feet, board measurement. The two craft are expected to get away from Port Angeles about January 1.

The Turret Crown has been engaged in the Granby Bay ore-carrying trade. The Grace Company but recently chartered the colliers Thor and Tanager, both vessels having been previously engaged in transporting coal between Nanaimo and San Francisco. The Thor is now plying to the west coast of South America and the Tanager on a return trip from Australia. The Norwegian steamer Thorborg, formerly the American steamer George W. Foxwick, which, prior to her change of ownership, made several trips between Vancouver and Vladivostok, is also to load lumber on Puget Sound for the Panama Canal commission, under charter to the Grace interests.

SHIDZUOKA REPORTS.

The Japanese liner Shidzuoka Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, reached Yokohama December 14 from Seattle via Victoria. The liner Awa Maru, of the same fleet, is posted to sail from the outer docks late this afternoon on her outward trip to Yokohama and Kobe.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of December, 1916:			
	Sunrise	Sunset	
Hour	Min.	Hour	Min.
Dec. 9	7 52	4 18	
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Dec. 11	7 54	4 18	
Dec. 12	7 56	4 18	
Dec. 13	7 57	4 18	
Dec. 14	7 58	4 18	
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Dec. 26	8 07	4 18	
Dec. 27	8 08	4 18	
Dec. 28	8 09	4 18	
Dec. 29	8 10	4 18	
Dec. 30	8 11	4 18	
Dec. 31	8 12	4 18	

For the third time in one afternoon the lady found her new maid fast asleep in the kitchen easy-chair. "What, asleep again?" she said. "When I engaged you, you said you were never tired." "I know I did," the maid answered, "but I should be if I didn't sleep."—Chicago Herald.

DECIDES POWER IS
GROSSLY USURPED

Mr. Justice Martin Describes
Recent Order as Grave Breach
of Judicial Comity

On November 6 last an application was brought before Mr. Justice Martin in the local admiralty court by A. P. Luxton, K. C., to have the case of the two captured auxiliary schooners, Leonor and Oregon, transferred to the high court in England. The application was allowed to stand over until certain clauses had been amended or struck out of the affidavit of Sir Wm. Graham Green, permanent secretary to the admiralty, which document was referred to by Mr. Justice Martin as a "dumpty lecture," which tended to destroy confidence in the court.

More recently the application was brought before Mr. Justice Martin, sitting at Vancouver, but as the affidavit had not been changed in the interim, he again refused to hear the application. Much to his astonishment, sitting in the prize court at Vancouver on December 15, the information was officially disclosed that the responsible officers of the crown had appealed to Mr. Justice Cassels, sitting at Ottawa, and secured from him an order remitting to London the prize proceedings.

Mr. Justice Martin described this proceeding as "unparalleled in British jurisprudence, a usurpation and an invasion of his court, a gross interference, a scandal and a grave breach of judicial comity."

The lordship intimated that the matter was far from being closed and that he would have something further to say when he had seen the order of Mr. Justice Cassels.

To demonstrate that he did not intend to permit his jurisdiction to be infringed, Mr. Justice Martin instructed that an order be made, the direct contrary of that made by Mr. Justice Cassels, dismissing the application to remit the proceedings to the high court in England.

It will be remembered that when the application was first made to remit the proceedings to London, Mr. Luxton presented in support of it an affidavit from Sir Wm. Graham Green, arguing that the prize court proceedings could be better heard in London because of better facilities and fuller knowledge of the proceedings.

Mr. Justice Martin ordered the affidavit be struck off the files, referring to it as "dumpty."

"It was presented to him at a later date and again rejected. Then the order was secured at Ottawa from Mr. Justice Cassels, and Mr. Bullock-Webster, counsel for the owners, appeared before Mr. Justice Martin on December 15 to secure protection from that order."

In delivering his judgment Mr. Justice Martin said there was no doubt in his mind as to the course he should pursue, and that was that the application of Mr. Bullock-Webster to dismiss the motion for the transfer of the proceedings to London should be allowed. The extraordinary situation was presented that by a side-wind, or rather by what he would call going behind the back of the court and its litigants, application was made to entirely strip this court of its jurisdiction while it was still being exercised by removing the motion to another judge.

"I don't hesitate to say that state of affairs is absolutely without a parallel in British jurisprudence, and it is a clear case of an attempt to usurp and exercise the jurisdiction of a court properly constituted," added his lordship. "It cannot be allowed to be said that this international court—and it should be an international court—carrying out the principle of the laws of nations and with the light of international inquiry upon it; we must not allow it to be said that there was any disposition to interfere with its jurisdiction."

"I find there has been an attempt by counsel for the crown to have that jurisdiction which I have been exercising, exercised by another court. That is something I cannot, in the public interest, permit for one minute, and therefore the order, which has been made under such circumstances is one which is absolutely reflecting upon the court, is nothing more or less than waste paper."

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ZOO SPECIMENS FOR
SHIPMENT SOUTH

When the Canadian-Australian liner Niagara leaves on Wednesday for the Antipodes she will carry a Canadian menagerie on her boat deck. In the past this liner has transported numerous collections of animals and birds from Australia to this continent but this will be the first time she has taken out zoo specimens from this country.

There were loaded aboard the G. T. P. steamer Prince George this morning a large consignment of animals and birds shipped from the French menagerie at Saanich to Vancouver. The shipment is the property of Ellis & Joseph, the well known animal collector who is leaving on the Niagara for Australia with a large collection for the zoos of the Antipodes.

The shipment which left on the Prince George this morning for Vancouver included a large Kodiak bear, a California brown bear, a bobcat, 3 boxes of wild ducks, 1 box of skunks, 1 box of green parrots, 2 boxes of badgers, 2 crates of chipmunks, 1 macaw, 1 box of owls, a crate of turkey vultures and 1 sulphur-crested cockatoo.

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HERE TO ADVISE ON THE CIVIL SERVICE

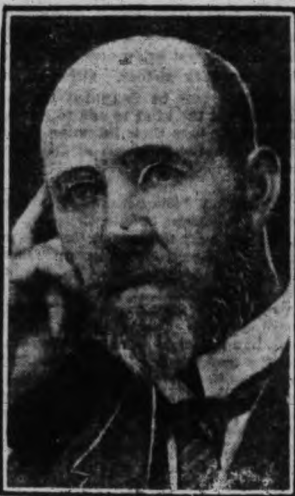
Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., Will
Take Up Plans With Execu-
tive To-morrow

Dr. Adam Shortt, C. M. G., chairman of the Dominion Civil Service Commission, arrived in the city this morning to advise with the provincial executive as to the changes which are contemplated in the Civil Service Act of British Columbia.

Dr. Shortt's services are made available through the courtesy of Sir Robert Borden, who at once acceded to the request made by Hon. Mr. Brewster a couple of weeks ago. There is no man in Canada better qualified to advise on this subject, his services in the inside service of the Dominion since the commission was appointed in 1908 speaking for themselves. The one regret is that the scope of the commission was not extended to the outside service, but this is an error into which the government of British Columbia will not fall.

The chairman of the commission will have his first conference with the premier to-morrow morning, and will consult with the executive as a whole. The ministers are having prepared memoranda showing the personnel of the service inside and outside, the services performed, length of service, salary and so on. It is understood that Dr. Shortt will also consult with the heads of branches and deputy heads of departments, and go very thoroughly into the matter of a complete reorganization of the entire public service of the province.

In the reorganization of the service the government aims at efficient handling of the public business at a great economy as is consistent with good work. Patronage is to be cut out absolutely, according to the pledges given by the premier before and since election. Admission to the service will be on examination and promotion will be



DR. ADAM SHORTT, C. M. G.,
Chairman of the commission which
governs federal inside service.

on merit and efficiency. This will ensure to the public adequate and well-performed service. It will lead to a great saving in the cost of this branch of expenditure, and it will ensure to the faithful members of the service that their work will be rewarded, and that political pull will no longer push undeserving ones forward and lack of it hold valuable clerks and officials back.

The item for civil government, which includes the votes for the salaries of what constitutes the inside service and a certain proportion of the officials in the outside service, amounts to \$1,657,736 for the current year. This is far from the cost of the service, in salaries alone. Taking the salaries provided for here, there and everywhere throughout the estimates, especially under the de-lusive head of miscellaneous, the cost in salaries of public servants is much nearer \$2,500,000. For transport, which is supposed to cover the travelling expenses of officers on duty, there is \$42,000 voted for 1916-17, but all through the estimates are scattered other votes which will be called upon for the meet-

ing of expense accounts, notably in the lands, forests, surveys and water rights branches of the lands department. When the public accounts are available in the session of 1918 it is a safe conclusion that the cost of transport will not be the \$42,000 it is represented as likely to be, but anywhere around \$100,000.

There is no doubt that in the reorganization which has to take place the grievances caused by political interference in the past will be remedied, and the government will be able to start its first fiscal year with a competent, contented and hard-working staff in all the branches of the service.

REV. C. S. QUANTON TO BE NEW DEAN

Bishop Schofield Makes An-
nouncement at Sunday
Morning Service

At the morning service at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday the Bishop of Columbia announced that Rev. C. S. Quanton, rector of St. Matthew's church, Brandon, had accepted the invitation to come to Victoria as rector of Christ Church and Dean of Columbia.

The announcement was received with great pleasure and satisfaction. Mr. Quanton was already well known to a few of Christ Church congregation who had been members of St. Matthew's parish, Brandon, and last August, during a visit to the coast, he spent a few days in Victoria, preaching twice at the cathedral and at that time impressing all who heard him as being one of the most eloquent preachers who had ever occupied the pulpit at that church. The appointment is, consequently, a very popular one, and it is a foregone conclusion that a very hearty welcome will be accorded him when he arrives here.

Rev. Cecil Samuel Quanton is an Englishman. He was educated at Queen's College, Cambridge, from

which he took his B.A. degree in 1894, and, twelve years later, his M.A. He was ordained deacon in 1894, priest in 1895, at this time being in the diocese of Norwich. In 1894 he was appointed curate of Great Yarmouth, the largest parish church in England. In view of his acceptance of the rectorship of Christ Church, Victoria, it is interesting to recall that Bishop Hills, the first bishop of British Columbia, also came from Yarmouth parish church, while the Rev. John Sheepshears, who worked in this diocese in the early days, returned to England and became bishop of Norwich, of which diocese Yarmouth parish forms a part. Mr. Quanton, consequently, was rector in the parish administered by a former worker in the diocese of Columbia, and this forms a further interesting link. He remained for five years at Great Yarmouth, his eloquent preaching filling the vast church week after week.

In 1900 he went to St. Polten as curate, remaining there for nine years. From 1909 to 1913 he was vicar of Falmouth, Yorkshire, in the diocese of Wakefield. It was during this period that he came out with the archbishop's missionaries to the Canadian Northwest, the mission which he conducted in Winnipeg making him very widely and favorably known. Shortly after his return to England Rev. A. de Pencier, at that time rector of St. Matthew's, Brandon, came to the coast, subsequently being elevated to the see of New Westminster. He was succeeded by Rev. William Reeve, who in turn resigned. The congregation of St. Matthew's then asked for the appointment of Mr. Quanton as rector, and this meeting with the approval of the archbishop of Rupertland, he was installed as rector there about three years ago.

St. Matthew's, Brandon, is the most important Anglican parish in Manitoba outside Winnipeg. It is from this parish that Bishop Harding, who preceded Rev. A. de Pencier, went to Qu'Appelle, Sask. Mr. Quanton more than filled the high anticipations of the parish at his coming, and his bishop, the primate of all Canada, has stated that he considered him one of the most capable priests in the diocese.

Simultaneously with the announcement here yesterday Mr. Quanton announced the news to his own congregation at St. Matthew's. Bishop Scho-

field, whose elevation to the see of Columbia recently created the vacancy which Mr. Quanton has been called upon to fill, stated that it was hoped that the new dean would be installed in office about the beginning of Lent.

HERE FROM TOKIO

Head of Missionary College in Japan-
ese Capital Passes Through
To-day.

An active man in the religious world of Tokyo, Rev. C. S. Reifender, passed through on the Empress of Asia this morning.

Mr. Reifender is associated with the St. Paul's training college, which prepares men for the Protestant Episcopal and Anglican church work in Japan, and also for commercial work, and is on his way to the United States. He has in view the raising of a fund of \$100,000 for additional buildings and equipment.

The college is one of the more aggressive institutions in the Japanese capital, and has about 750 students now. The white clergy who go out to work in Japan are trained at home, he explains, and in Japan receive their language instruction, although there are some prepared for ordination at the Tokyo institution.

Mr. Reifender reports very valuable work being done in the educational institutions of Japan, and feels that in making this appeal to the generous citizens, he will be supplementing active efforts of the past in raising money to place the college in a satisfactory condition.

AMERICAN RED CROSS ASKED TO STOP WORK

Washington, Dec. 18.—American Red Cross hospital units in Serbia will be withdrawn at the request of the Austrian foreign office about January 1. This was announced at the organization's annual meeting, in the report of Ernest P. Bicknell, director-general of civilian relief.

Otto T. Bannard, of New York, member of the Red Cross commission, which investigated conditions in Serbia, reported that 12,000 Serbians were destitute and near starvation.

Mr. Bicknell's report also said that the Red Cross had arranged to forward and distribute about \$100,000 collected for the relief of Lithuanian citizens.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, Dec. 18, 1891.

E. McDougall and Misses McDougall, of Montreal, are at the Dallas. They will be passengers for the Empress of China.

The Eliza Edwards left Vancouver Tuesday night on a trip which may result in considerable benefit to the province. Hitherto any efforts to catch halibut at this season of the year have proved unavailing, for the reason that the banks which these fish frequent have not been found. No vessels have yet been engaged in fishing which could brave the tempests of the Pacific ocean to the north of Vancouver Island.

We understand that Hon. Robert Beaven will be a candidate for the mayoralty.

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		Silver Photo Frames, up from	\$1.50
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		Gold-Filled Pendants, up from	\$2.25
		Gold-Filled Locketts, up from	\$2.00
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Gold Tie Clips, up from	\$3.00	Gold-Filled Links, from	\$1.00
Gold Cigar Cutters, from	\$5.00	Pearl Links, up from	\$2.00
Gold Tie Pins (Set) up from	\$3.50	Gold-Filled Locketts, from	\$2.00
Silver Match Boxes, up from	\$1.50	Gold-Filled Chains, from	\$4.50
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CIVIC PROBLEMS OF CURRENT WEEK

Health Department Inquiry Starts To-morrow; Some Items for Council To-night

The softening influence of the approaching Christmas season apparently has had its effect on the aldermen, as they have assigned themselves lighter tasks than was the case last week. It has been decided that, apart from the adjourned session of the court of revision on local improvements on Thursday week, the court will not be called upon to sit again upon by-laws, for which the work is now being completed, during the life of the present council.

There will be the first sitting of the inquiry into the allegations against officials of the health department to-morrow afternoon. It is not a very welcome subject for this season of the year, and it is understood proceedings will begin with a question as to desirability of extending the period of examination over the past five years. Members of the committee will expect some specific charges to be filed, in fact it is believed counsel will insist upon them.

On Wednesday afternoon members of the license board have another unpleasant duty before them, the conduct of three hotels having to be investigated before renewals can be granted.

No date has been set for the renewal of the tax delinquency committee's inquiry, and it is thought not unlikely that the matter will be mentioned in council this evening, in order not to have it lost sight of in the other business arising at this period. There is a fair amount of business for to-night, several items of which afford food for argument, particularly the proposal to establish a policy on the repurchasing of land lost by tax sale. It is felt that the whole question of tax sale powers will have to be reviewed in the next legislature, since the municipalities are practically unable to give titles to property sold, so complicated is the law by reason of the War Relief Act.

Another point upon which the council is asked to go on record, and doubtless will do so unanimously, is that of assessment revision by the board of equalization after the courts have passed on appeals. The city has had two years' experience of assessment troubles, with subsequent litigation, and each year with decreasing capacity to bear civic taxation, the problem of the municipal body becomes harder. Revision of the assessment promises to be a serious issue in the coming twelve months.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Beautiful Tearooms Are Run in Conjunction With Undertaking for Prisoners-of-War.

The Christmas Gift Shop opened last week in the Belmont block by Mrs. Pemberton, has had phenomenal success in disposing of its supplies of fancy bags, knitting bags, work bags, embroidery, French vanity boxes, etc. In conjunction with it has been conducted a tearoom, one of the most artistically arranged places in the city, which was crowded with people every afternoon during the week. The salon is admirably suited to this kind of undertaking, lending itself well to an effective arrangement of tables, flowers and other furnishings. Beautiful tall chrysanthemums and potted hothouse plants are set about attractively, the latter commanding a ready sale. Each afternoon there has been a programme of music, Mrs. Nash having very kindly undertaking to act as convener of this part of the enterprise. An Edison gramophone, kindly lent by Herbert Kent, and a piano, lent by Gideon Flicks, have proved very valuable supplements to this section of the undertaking. Delicious teas are being served, among the ladies who have assisted being Mrs. Gamble, the Misses McDowell, Miss Isabelle and Miss Doris Wilson, Miss Sayward, Miss Roberts, Miss Leeder, Miss Liver, Miss Crawford, Miss A. G. Robertson, Miss Montizambert, Miss Ker, Miss Phipps, Miss Bridgeman, Miss Peggy Jones, Miss Bowser, Miss Molly Pearce, Miss Kitty Campbell, the Misses Ruby and Beryl Duke, and Miss Rasmussen.

Among the first-day visitors were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Barnard, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Hose, and Mrs. Bowser, who very kindly consented to act as patrons.

Both the gift-shop and the tearooms will remain open until Wednesday evening. At the former place is a display of hand-wrought jewellery made and sent in by Miss de Lisle. This is attracting much notice as well as the many other beautiful articles which are on sale at the rooms for the benefit of the prisoners-of-war. Two raffles are being conducted, three prizes being offered in one of these, as follows: 1st, picture of Princess Patricia; 2nd, lamp; 3rd, china tea set. The other raffle has but one prize, this being a hand-embroidered nightdress made and presented by Mrs. Burgess.

Mrs. Pemberton is indebted for the use of the rooms to Messrs. Frank O'Reilly and Cross.

Will Raffle Cake.—The drawing for the cake kindly donated by the Northern Pacific railway dining car department for the benefit of the Red Cross Society, will take place at the Temple building headquarters on Friday, the 22nd inst. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The cake is on view in the window of Williams' drug store, where tickets are also on sale at 10 cents each.



REV. CECIL S. QUANTON, M. A.

Announcement of whose appointment as Dean of Columbia was made yesterday by Bishop Schofield.

PREMIER OF CANADA LEFT CITY SATURDAY

Sir R. L. Borden Started East Shortly After Theatre Meeting; Received Deputation

Sir Robert Borden left Victoria immediately after the big theatre meeting on Saturday night and on arrival at Vancouver at once went to his private car and proceeded eastward.

On Saturday evening the council of the Victoria Board of Trade met the Prime Minister in his private room at the Empress hotel, and presented him with a memorial on several public questions. They impressed upon him the desirability of at once proceeding with the construction of the new graving dock at Esquimalt of granting aid to encourage the establishment of iron and steel works, and of abolishing the present embargo on labor coming here from the United States.

Sir Robert was very non-committal. He stated that war expenditure made it difficult for the government to proceed with any undertaking at the present time, but he promised to give the various matters contained in the memorial his serious consideration.

C. H. Lugin, president of the board, introduced the delegation and explained the purpose of the visit.

H. B. Thompson explained that the great object in promoting the steel industry was that permanent employment might be provided for returned soldiers. He referred to the example set by Seattle and stated that a similar condition would obtain here if the steel industry was exploited. He stated that British Columbia had been badly handicapped in the matter of sharing in the making of munitions, and for that reason she might well be singled out for special assistance.

F. A. Pauline urged the commencement of work on the drydock, and suggested the placing of the sum of \$100,000 in the estimates in order to get the work started.

J. J. Shallcross advocated the lifting of the embargo on labor from the United States. There was a scarcity owing to many of the best men having gone to the war.

In reply Sir Robert said that he recognized that the steel industry was a basic one, but he did not think the government could extend aid to the industry in this province without taking similar action in the east.

He said that Canada was spending a million and a quarter dollars every day on the war, and that no public works could be entered upon unless for the gravest possible reasons. Work on the Welland canal had been stopped, and there was a possibility that the Hudson Bay railway construction would also have to be stopped.

Regarding the drydock situation, practically the same difficulty existed at Halifax as here, where the present dock was too small to accommodate the vessels which were offering. He realized the national significance of the local project, and would discuss the matter with Hon. Robert Rogers on his return.

In regard to the labor situation he asked the board to forward him a full statement of their case that he might have all the facts before him.

The delegation was made up as follows: C. H. Lugin, president; H. B. Thompson, F. A. Pauline, M. P. P.; C. T. Cross, Beaumont Boggs, J. J. Shallcross, J. L. Beckwith, James Forman, N. A. Yarrow, G. A. Kirk and F. Elworthy. Premier H. C. Brewster and G. H. Barnard, M. P., were also present at the interview.

Comfort Bag "Shower."—On Wednesday of this week there will be a "shower" of fittings for comfort bags for wounded soldiers at the Temple building. The committee will be glad to receive large or small quantities of pipes, tobacco, cigarettes, playing cards, tooth brushes and paste, shaving brushes and soap, hair brushes, combs, towels, khaki handkerchiefs, writing paper, envelopes, pencils, note books, and (always the greatest need) socks. Several of these showers are being held in the outlying portions of the city, but Wednesday has been set apart to give those living in the central districts an opportunity to contribute. It is hoped that everyone who reads this article will do their bit by remembering when shopping to buy some of the articles enumerated above and either hand them in at the Temple building any time during Wednesday, or have them delivered there by the merchant from whom they are purchased.

The Municipal Chapter will meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock at the headquarters. Important business.

The Ladies' Musical Club will give a special Christmas programme in Empress ballroom, Thursday, Dec. 21, 8.30 p. m. Admission, 25c. Soldiers and sailors admitted free.

Chimney Fire.—The fire department was called yesterday to a chimney fire at the corner of Bay street, and Blanshard avenue. It was quickly extinguished.

Small Sum Taken.—The burglar who raided the residence of Mrs. Dodd, 209 Henry street, during the week end, only got a small haul in money. The police are working on the case.

Pte. Harvey Arrives.—One returned soldier reached Victoria this afternoon in the person of Pte. Harvey. He went to the Esquimalt Convalescent Home, after being accorded a cordial welcome by a number of Victorians.

Past Annual Average.—With the generous rainfall of the last forty-eight hours the December precipitation record to date for Victoria stands just \$5 in. below the average for the entire month. The total rain for December up to noon to-day is 3.53 ins. The

average precipitation for the whole month is 4.38 ins. During the last two days 39 in. has fallen, as follows: Saturday, 46 in.; Sunday, 69 in.; to-day, 34 in. The total rainfall for the year to December 18 this year is 28.07, which is 43 ins. more than the average precipitation, viz., 27.64. In the former total is included the snowfall of last January and February.

Thieves Caught.—A bit of smart work was done by Chief Palmer, of Esquimalt, in connection with the stealing of a fare box from one of the B. C. Electric cars on the Esquimalt route on Saturday night. The box contained about \$15 in cash besides tickets. After a careful search the box was located in sections and the men who took it were found to be three men from Esquimalt. It was agreed that the money should be refunded and the culprits handed over to the naval authorities to be dealt with.

Comfort-Bag Shower.—There was a meeting of the ladies' committee of the Esquimalt Red Cross this morning for the purpose of discussing plans in connection with a comfort-bag shower and entertainment to be held under the auspices of that sub-committee on Thursday, December 28. It was arranged that an admission charge of twenty-five cents would be made, the enter-

tainment to be held in the soldiers' and sailors' home, Esquimalt, commencing at 8 o'clock in the evening. Visitors may or may not bring comfort-bag articles, as they choose, although the committee will be delighted to have anything of the kind to add to the supplies which it is their intention to purchase with the proceeds of the enterprise.

Presenting "Hiawatha."—The members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., are busy rehearsing for the production of Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha," which is to be given on Jan. 6 at the old Victoria Theatre in aid of the patriotic and charitable work of this chapter. The dramatization of the well known poem was made specially for the occasion by Miss Helen Badgley. The dances of the braves and the Dakota maidens are original and unique, and the frolics of the woodland birds and beasts gives an effectiveness to the forest scenery which is to be one of the features of the production. The main facts of the beautiful poem will be faithfully portrayed. The members of the chapter have appeared already in other playlets and entertainments, the proceeds of which have gone to the furtherance of the work of the chapter, and it is expected that the forthcoming event will surpass any of the preceding entertainments in its scope.

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The Real Fairy Story.—For the benefit of the hundreds of patrons of "Puss in Boots" the Christmas pantomime which is to hold the boards at the Royal Victoria theatre during Christmas week, the producer have published what is called "Puss in Boots—the Real Fairy Story" as told in the Grand Christmas Pantomime. This will refresh the memory of the older folk who have no referred for some decades to the nursery book shelves. It will help all agree with the one which is to be presented. The story which may be purchased from the book agencies in advance is very charmingly told, entertainingly that even as a literary effort (quite apart from the fact that the back page contains the whole programme), the illustrated brochure should make a very nice supplement to the juvenile library of most home. "Gabriel," one of the less familiar of the fairy-tale characters, is to be seen on the front cover with no less personage than "Puss in Boots," a little part which the smaller people will be forward with particular pleasure in seeing acted.

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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

(Continued from Saturday's Edition.)

Mr. W. Marchant, in his address on Proportional Representation, continued:

A short review of some of the late elections may be of interest.

In 1908 Sir Wilfrid Laurier, then premier of the Dominion of Canada, appealed to the country. He was sustained by an apparently enormous majority. The standing of the parties when the smoke of the battle was over—eliminating the four independents and classifying them under the two leading parties was as follows: Liberals, 134; Conservatives, 87.

If, however, the seats were allotted in accordance with the votes cast the result would have been: Liberals, 112; Conservatives, 108.

In 1911 general election the tables were turned. The returns showed an apparently overwhelming victory for Sir Robert Borden. The standing of the parties—eliminating again the independents—was as follows: Liberals, 87; Conservatives, 134.

Whilst the true proportional representation would have been: Liberals, 107; Conservatives, 114.

In the 1908 elections the Liberal majority should have been 5, and in the 1911 election the Conservative majority should have been 7. Apart from the absolute absurdity of calling a system representative which produces such results as these, what must be the feeling of the defeated candidates who were deprived of the seats to which they were justly entitled?

Then take the results of the late Manitoba elections. The figures are taken from the latest issue of the Parliamentary Guide, which apparently had not received the returns from two constituencies—Churchill, Nelson and Grand Rapids—and may not in other respects be wholly accurate. Averaging the dual votes given in the Winnipeg constituencies, and excluding the two constituencies where the elections were deferred, there were 91,881 votes cast. Of these the Liberals obtained 5,086; the Conservatives 32,779; and a scattered independent vote of 2,716.

The total numbers of members of the legislature is 49; 6 members were elected for Winnipeg on a dual vote, one member was elected by acclamation, and two were deferred elections. The Liberals obtained 42 seats and the Conservatives 5 seats.

Now according to the votes obtained by the respective parties the standing should have been: Liberals, 23; one uncontested seat, and 23 in accordance with votes cast. The Conservatives would have obtained seventeen seats and the independents—presuming them to have united action—1 seat; thus making with the deferred elections 49 members in all. The Liberals under this division would be slightly under-represented, and the Conservatives

over-represented. The independents would be the heavier losers.

The results of the British Columbia election are still more illuminating. A long drawn out election resulted in the return of 37 Liberals, 9 Conservatives and 1 Socialist. The total Liberal votes were 33,674, the total Conservative votes were 32,318, the total Independent votes were 3,838, the total Socialist votes were 4,401, and the total votes cast 73,231. It is necessary to explain that these figures are arrived at by dividing the gross Liberal, Conservative, Independent and Socialist in the cities of Vancouver and Victoria, where the block system of voting was in use, by the number of candidates running under their respective parties. This is not, of course, mathematically correct, as a voter in Vancouver might have voted for two Liberals, two Conservatives, one Independent and one Socialist. The votes for the Independents in both Vancouver and Victoria were misleading, because there was no combined action in either place by the independent forces—some running as Independent Liberals and some as Independent Conservatives, whilst others disclaimed any party affiliations.

Assuming, however, that the figures as published were a legitimate reflection of the various parties' political views it will be seen that the true standing of parties should have been:

Liberals—23 members, with 81 votes under.
Conservatives—19 members, with 303 votes over.
Independents—2 members, with 468 votes over.
Socialists—2 members, with 1,031 votes over.
Total: 46 members.

As there is one member unaccounted for, and as the Socialists have the greater preponderance of votes to spare, viz., 1,031, it is probable that three Socialists would have been elected by the actual vote cast. This does not by any means represent the whole of the Socialist strength, as it is quite certain that many more would have entered the field, had it not been for the present unfair system of voting. The final showing therefore would be:

Liberals 23
Conservatives 19
Independents 2
Socialists 3

The Liberals, therefore, who are at present in an overwhelming majority, would be in an actual minority as against all parties.

This is again in accordance with the votes cast. The Liberals obtained 33,674 votes and the Conservatives, 32,318. The Independents and Socialists combined received 40,557. It is probable, however, that a Liberal government would still have been formed, as having the largest party vote in any case, with the certainty of the support of the Independents elected, who were hostile against the government in power, and

also with the sympathetic general support of the Socialists, who might have assumed the position of "strategic neutrality."

Analyzing, however, still closer the British Columbia election, and assuming that the proportional representation system was in force, and the province divided into large electoral constituencies, the results might have worked out in this way:

	Seats.
No. 1—Vancouver Island constituency, including the Gulf Islands	12
No. 2—Kootenay constituency	10
No. 3—Vancouver constituency, including South Vancouver	7
No. 4—Lower Mainland constituency	6
No. 5—Yale constituency	4
No. 6—Northern Mainland constituency	5
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The results would have been according to the votes cast:

	Lib.	Con.	Indep.	Soc.
No. 1 constituency	6	4	1	1
" 2 "	5	5	1	1
" 3 "	3	3	1	1
" 4 "	3	3	1	1
" 5 "	4	3	1	1
" 6 "	3	2	1	1
	24	20	1	2

It will be seen therefore that the proportional representation method would have been to mathematically interpret through the principle of large constituencies and the single transferable vote the avowed wishes of the electorate. Do not these results show in the two Dominion elections quoted, as also in the two Provincial elections, Manitoba and British Columbia, the need of drastic changes in the laws governing elections?

It may be well to point out the advantages that would accrue from the adoption of the system that I have sketched. The first and most obvious one is the removal of the sense of injustice. The Chartist movement in England, the French revolution, the Irish unrest might have been averted had all the people the opportunity to voice through fair and equitable representation their grievances through representative assemblies. It is not generally known that when Home Rule for Ireland became a serious issue at the general election of 1886 that the popular vote was in favor of the measure, but through the incongruity of electoral devices Mr. Gladstone's government was placed in a minority of over a hundred. How much of crime, misery and contention would have been saved to the Motherland had the Home Rule bill become law 30 years ago, which the people of that time desired and voted to obtain.

A second advantage would be that a bigger class of men would become representatives. The "local issue man," "the paid agitator," "the respectable nonentity" would be out of place in dealing with great questions that vitally touch a nation's life. Representatives with a seer's vision, a prophet's fire, a philosopher's intellect, a sage's wisdom, a business man's experience and a leader's sagacity would seek the suffrages of the people to do a man's work and to fill a man's place. A third advantage would be that all electors would be able to find one man at least out of 10 or 20 candidates for whom they could and would conscientiously vote. Many now abstain from voting, because they say: "Of two evils choose neither."

The speaker concluded by showing that the system of proportional representation voting is in use in some form or other for parliamentary or provincial chambers, cantonal or municipal councils in Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, Japan, Bulgaria, Serbia, the Union of South Africa, Transvaal, Tasmania, Hamburg, Wurtemberg, Baden, Oldenburg and Bavaria.

It is also embodied in the Home Rule bill for Ireland, both parties endorsing the principle.

PARTY OF RETURNED SOLDIERS EN ROUTE

Capt. Laughton in Charge of Number of Invalided Western Canadians on Way Home

Capt. Laughton is in charge of a party of 18 returned Western Canadian soldiers which left the Atlantic coast on Friday. All, with one exception, are coming through to Vancouver, the majority going to the "Convalescent home, Esquimaux." They should reach here on Wednesday. Pte. Lowe, of Bushby street, Victoria, is being sent to a Toronto military hospital for special treatment.

Following is the complete list: Pte. Hough, Pte. Barrett, Vancouver; Pte. Forrest, Maywood P. O.; Pte. Dunston, 740 Hillside avenue, Victoria; Pte. J. E. Smith, Pte. McIvor, Pte. Macdonald, Pte. Grey, Pte. Mallett, Pte. Chamberlain, Pte. Scott, Vancouver; Pte. Reddy, Pemberton Meadows; Pte. Pope, Pte. P. Raper, Vancouver; Pte. Wearmouth, Massett, Q. C. Islands; Pte. Utley, Clayburn; Pte. Delmonico, Kamloops; Pte. Fletcher, Caribou.

WHIST DRIVE

First of Series for Benefit of Oak Bay Red Cross Society.

A whist drive for the benefit of the Oak Bay Red Cross Society was held on Saturday night at the home of Mrs. (Capt.) Hunter on Kingston street and was a complete success in that it provided a most enjoyable evening for nearly forty people and was the means of raising the sum of \$8.50, which has been paid in to F. W. Clayton, secretary of the committee at Oak Bay. The total takings were \$9.50, and \$1 was paid out for prizes. Those responsible for the event were A. J. Bird, of Chaucer street; Mrs. Rippingale, of

Fowl Bay road; and Mrs. Hunt. After playing whist for several hours, dancing and games engaged attention, concluding the first of what is expected to be a series of similar entertainments. The winners of the prizes were: First lady, Mrs. A. J. Bird; first gentleman, H. Mann.

FEDERAL POSITIONS TO FORMER SOLDIERS

Civil Service Commissioner Explains How Scheme is Operating at Present

"Since I was in Victoria recently," said Dr. Adam Shortt, Dominion civil service commissioner, "a considerable advance has been made in the principle of which I then spoke to the Times of opening posts in the federal civil service to returned soldiers."

Dr. Shortt arrived from Ottawa yesterday at the request of the Hon. H. C. Brewster, to advise with regard to the reorganization of the provincial civil service.

In explanation of his remark, he alluded to the recent order-in-council closing the service virtually, though not expressly, to men suitable for military service, unless they are technical men required in special work, in which

case an exemption certificate is issued. While applications for positions are still received from any candidates, preference is given to returned soldiers, and only when the number of soldier applicants falls below the number of vacancies is the rule relaxed in its enforcement.

Dr. Shortt went on to explain that the examinations so far held among returned soldiers for government positions had shown a good percentage of passes, and there seemed to promise no difficulty in filling such positions of a clerical and similar character. "With regard to technical positions," he said, "many of our services which require engineering and auxiliary training will be able to be recruited in the future, when the men return from the front, from the graduates of the colleges who have gone to France. The engineer who has carried out work calling for energy, capacity and intelligence, under fire, will make an efficient public servant in the future, and so it will be in other technical fields."

"The country at the present time is badly in need of analysts and chemists, owing to the call upon them for the chemical and munition plants, and in advertising for positions of this character, the applications are limited. The whole tendency of government work is to become more and more technical, and the officer of the future will have to be a more experienced man than he has been in the past." Dr. Shortt showed how the work the commission is doing dovetails into that of technical training being given to returned soldiers under the military hospital's commission, and pointed out that what is being done now is preliminary

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NO THOUGHT OF PEACE AT PRESENT

People of Great Britain Are Determined to Continue Struggle

WILL FIGHT UNTIL
CAUSE HAS TRIUMPHED

London, Dec. 18.—(By Arthur S. Draper.)—Indefinitely but obviously the general attitude in Great Britain toward the German peace proposal has hardened enormously in the last 24 hours. The average man, certain of the benefits of peace and somewhat carried away with the offer at first, now seems to have made up his mind definitely. Leaving out of consideration the opinions of the officials and the governing classes, who are determined to carry out the war to the utmost, the sentiment of the general type of Englishman seems to have found itself. It is safe to say that except for the most extreme pacifists there is no idea of peace at the present moment. The British public has made up its mind to fight on, and not to accept any peace except one completely satisfactory to themselves.

I learn from inside sources that Premier Lloyd George, in his speech in the House of Commons to-morrow, may recapitulate the object of the war, but will declare that he is supported by 99 per cent. of the population in stating that there can be no thought of peace until those objectives are obtainable. In the unlikely event of the Commons disagreeing with him in the slightest degree, he will advise the king to dissolve parliament and take the opinion of the country at a general election. Few here doubt that such an appeal, with the premier himself making the whirlwind campaign on the stump which he threatened on Friday, would result in the return of a parliament which could be depended on to support him to the utmost.

Depression in Germany.—The depression which has spread so quickly over Germany when it became plain that the allies would not snap eagerly at the peace bait, confirms the British attitude. It is known here that sharp disappointment has quickly followed the first high hopes with which the German people heard the peace proposals.

The chilly reception given to them by the people of the entente has brought home to Germany a realization that the allies are sustained and encouraged by an inflexible confidence in final victory. "The effect will probably be that it will be impossible for the German government to rekindle an ardor for the war, while at the same time the consequences for the kaiser and kaiserism are likely to be extremely dangerous. The long series of promises made by the military chiefs, which have always fallen short of real victory, no matter how brilliantly the armies have performed, has left such promises far below face value in Germany.

As it becomes clear that this latest promise of peace must rank with those issued before the Marne, Verdun is likely to be found that it has intensified rather than allayed the growing discontent and war-weariness which it was designed to meet.

The peace arrangements now being proposed by the German newspapers include the suggestion to hold a conference at The Hague in January. Taking the opinion of all classes, one thing is certain—sooner than leave Germany in her present position of consuming the "mitten Europa" idea, and also of threatening India, Britain will fight to the last cent and the last man. Under present conditions there can be no thought of peace.

Nivelle's Victory.—The man in the street has been further encouraged by Nivelle's two days of victory. Both press and officialdom loudly praise the French commander-in-chief and his efficient fighting men.

The French advance has done much to stiffen the sentiment against the peace proposals and to solidify the British people in their determination to "carry on" to the end. France has spoken by uncertain terms, and the answer of Nivelle's artillery to Germany's overtures finds a real echo in the minds and hearts of Englishmen.

Aside from its moral effect, Nivelle's success gives the new governments both in France and England a strong card to play against the German offer. The commander-in-chief's own position is immensely strengthened and British and recognized government, which has been exposed to a heavy fire of criticism from a compact and influential military party in the parliament, now is established upon an enduring foundation. The military lesson of the movement is that surprise still is an important element in trench warfare.

TWO VESSELS SUNK.

London, Dec. 18.—Lloyd's announces the sinking of the Danish steamship Michell Ontchoukoff and the British schooner Constance Mary.

The Michell Ontchoukoff, of 2,118 tons gross, sailed from Rosario, Nov. 26 for Las Palmas, Canary Islands. The steamer was built in 1905 and was owned in Copenhagen. The Constance Mary was of 176 tons gross.

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TAKES ACTION TO SAVE CAPT. BLAIKIE

London, Dec. 18.—Apropos of a statement by A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the British war council, in the Commons, that the government already had "taken such action as it thought necessary" to save Captain Blaikie, it is declared that among those now in British hands are the son of Admiral von Tirpitz, author of the submarine "triflingness," the captain of the Emden, Prince Joseph of Hohenzollern, who is reputed to be a prisoner in Australia; two commanders of zeppelins and the commanders-in-chief of the German forces in Southwest Africa, who poisoned the wells during Botha's campaign.

Captain Blaikie was taken prisoner by the crew of a German submarine after the submarine had sunk his steamship, the Caledonia, and in England it has been feared that he may suffer the fate of Captain Fryatt, who was put to death by a firing squad.

SUFFRAGETTES FINED.

London, Dec. 18.—An outcome of yesterday's attempted peace demonstration at the East India dock gates by Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette, and a number of sympathizers was the imposition to-day upon Miss Pankhurst and one of her followers of a sentence of forty shillings fine or seven days' imprisonment for obstructing a highway. The sentence was imposed in the Thames police court. Miss Pankhurst said that police interference was responsible for the trouble.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY STORM.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 18.—The loss to the lobster fishery through the storm of Friday night and Saturday will be \$100,000 or more. The electric lighting system was put out of commission early Saturday by falling trees, the wires being broken in a dozen places. The telephone and telegraph lines also are badly smashed up. The storm was the worst that has passed over this part of the province in years.

REPORTS RUSSIAN REPULSE.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The Russians made an attack in Luthynia in the region northwest of Lutsk yesterday in an effort to recapture positions taken by the Germans. The war office announces that the attacks were without success.

WILL NOT RUN.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—It is announced that Joseph Martin, K. C., has decided not to be a candidate for the majority in this city.

GERMANS REPORT ADVANCE.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The Teutonic army advancing northward in Northern Dobruja has crossed the line between Badaghaba and Pecineaga, says the German official announcement to-night.

Mabou, N. S., in 1839, and throughout his long career has been prominently identified with the industrial and financial affairs of his native province. As a young man he was agent and treasurer of the Caledonia Coal & Railway Company, later becoming general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, a position he resigned in 1896. He represented Cape Breton in the Conservative interests in the House of Commons for ten years, and later was appointed lieutenant governor in October, 1915.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

A stranger in a Scotch village thought he might pass the time away by attending service in the local church. At the conclusion of a lengthy sermon the minister announced that he should like to meet the board in the vestry. The stranger, in company with several other persons, proceeded to walk toward the vestry. The parson, thinking there must be some misunderstanding, said to him: "I believe, sir, you are mistaken. This is just to be a meeting of the board." "Well," replied the visitor, "I have listened to you talk for more than an hour, and if anyone has been more bored than I have been I should like to know who it is."

Well-Known Jewelry Firm forced to vacate premises. Store occupied by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street, is to be pulled down! Stock must be disposed of regardless of cost! See windows for prices.

MORALE OF GERMAN TROOPS DECLINES

Stand in Open Fear of the
French; Many Officers
Among Prisoners

With the French Army near Verdun, Dec. 15, via Paris and London.—(By G. H. Perria.)—In the great battle of Verdun, where the French army struck an other deadly blow at the forces, still nominally commanded by the German crown prince on the heights of the Meuse, in a few hours the Germans were beaten back an average of two miles on a six and a half mile front. Many thousands of prisoners were taken and a number of cannon captured or destroyed. As a high officer said this afternoon—and there was no boasting accent in his voice: "All our objectives are attained."

From 10 o'clock this morning, when the French infantry climbed over the parapets, till midnight, when it only remained to hold what had been won, French troops showed a strong and well as actions of such extent can be watched. The French positions of this morning, except Douaumont, the highest point of the plateau, the Meuse heights rose tier beyond tier.

Heavy purple clouds filled the sky, but only a few scurries of rain and sleet fell during the day, and the dark hillsides rising toward the central crest of Douaumont remained clear of mist. This was an important advantage, for the French aviators were able to carry on without cessation their valuable work, despite a strong and icy wind. Great biplanes and little Nieuport came and went, while a dozen "mausers" held permanent guard at the end of their long cables. There must have been some German planes near the front, but I did not see one on the French side of the lines, and I only saw one German observation balloon, and that was falling like a huge torch beyond Douaumont, an incident typical of the German's day.

Awaiting Signal.—Just before 10 o'clock there was a hush in the cannonade, a momentary pause in which hundreds of officers were following the second hands of their watches and thousands of men were standing ready for the signal, with bayonets fixed on their rifles, adjusted to complete the heavy load—the only "food and drink" they could hope to receive for many hours. When the given moment arrived it was rather like a spontaneous movement of a vast mechanism than a noisy and confused clash of old-time armies. Suddenly the hills echoed with the multitudinous flapping and crashing of hundreds of hidden guns. The green and brown slopes and the valley of the amphitheatre were full of gun flashes than the frost sky was with stars.

The other end of the trajectory of the French barrage fire was visible in long lines of the smoke of exploding shells—receded with marvelous close—before the advancing lines of blue-coated infantry. The French three-inch field gun was always famous for its rapidity and exactitude, and tactic has gradually been evolved which exploits these qualities to the fullest.

Grenade fighting continued for several hours in the villages, and it was not until the commanding positions on the east had been lost that its defenders gave in, then the capture of Peppere (Polvre) Hill was speedily accomplished.

German Trenches Shattered.—The Germans had a triple system of trenches along the slope up to the summit, marked 242 metres, and on the south side of the road from Vacherauxville to Louvemont. These had been mauled, shattered, and the whole crest was cleared by bombing parties with uncanny rapidity under the protection of the French curtain of fire.

stuff that has been mixed with them. The decline of their morale is marked. Their organization still is formidable, but it develops no new resources or quality to meet the increase of the material strength of the allies—their specialist service and tactical science, in which the French are first masters. Losses Increased.

In recent actions on the Meuse the Germans have tended to revert to the earlier practice of holding the foremost trenches in strength, perhaps because thinly-held lines could not be trusted to resist at all. The only result so far has been to increase their losses of all kinds.

The battle of Louvemont, as we may call it, from its central position, brings back the true proportion and perspective to our interpretations of the map of war. The Kaiser and his chancellor have been answered by statesmen and I doubt whether any reply to their peace proposals will count for appropriateness and emphasis beside the thunderous voice of Verdun—for Verdun, which speaks not in words, but only in immortal deeds, has become a sort of personality. The voice of Verdun is the inevitable will of all France in its deliberate expression. It is a clarion challenging a wearied foe, but I read also in that fierce voice the challenge no less to friends and partners than to the foes of France.

ORDERED DEPORTED

Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim Has Appealed to Washington.

New York, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reputed to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of inquiry of the bureau of immigration to-day. He immediately appealed to the department of labor at Washington.

The immigration authorities refused to give any reason for their action in removing him from the steamer Noordam. Oppenheim's only explanation for his being held is that "it might be a case of mistaken identity." A circumstantial report was current that Oppenheim had arrived here with some \$500,000 in cash and securities, which he had with him, it is said, when removed to Ellis Island.

The baron's exclusion was directed, it was announced, at the offices of the commissioner of immigration, on the ground that he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude. Later Immigration Commissioner Howe said that the charge on which Oppenheim was wanted involved a financial deal in France.

OPPOSE NATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Organized labor in Canada is preparing to resist the national registration plan which the government is to put into operation soon. Letters have passed between the Winnipeg and Vancouver trades councils and the executive of the trades congress at Montreal, suggesting the advisability of reminding all trade unions, whether affiliated with the trades congress or not, that the congress at its recent convention passed a resolution against any form of registration. It is considered probable that J. C. Watrous, president of the congress, will sound the opinion of organized labor on the question. Registration is opposed by labor on account of its association with conscription.

STORMS HAMPER OPERATIONS.

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Italian war office Saturday issued the following statement: "On the Trentino front, military operations were checked by violent storms. On the Julian front, there were desultory artillery actions east of Gorizia and on the Carso. In spite of bad weather our troops continue their work of consolidation."

GERMAN ESTIMATES OF LOSSES.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The losses of the French army to date have been 3,800,000, and of the British 1,300,000, according to "competent military authority," says the Overseas News Agency statement to-day.

CABINET WILL CONSIDER PEACE NOTE TO-MORROW

London, Dec. 18.—The peace note which was handed to the foreign office to-day by United States Ambassador Page will be considered by the cabinet to-morrow, it being received too late to-day to enable the council to be called. The next step after the meeting of the cabinet will be to get into communication with the allies of Great Britain so that joint action may be taken. This is expected to take at least a week.

It has been ascertained that the note contains no terms, and the impression prevails in official circles that until these are disclosed a conference is impossible.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT EXPECTS NOTE TO-MORROW

Tokio, Dec. 18.—The German peace proposal probably will be delivered to the Japanese government to-morrow. Commenting on the proposals, the newspapers declare that Japan will never agree to surrender Kiao Chau. In general, they express the opinion that the peace project as it has been reported in the newspapers is a farcical procedure and will be unacceptable to the entente allies because it is tantamount to abandoning the object for which the entente powers have waged war.

BERLIN REPORT DENIED.

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—A French battleship of the Patrie type was torpedoed and badly damaged by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 12, according to an official statement issued in Berlin to-day. The statement also reports the torpedoing on Dec. 11 of the armed French transport Magellan, a 6,600-ton vessel having on board 1,000 troops.

London, Dec. 18.—It was stated by the French admiralty to-day that there was no truth in the statement that a French man-of-war of the Patrie class was damaged on Dec. 12, and that the loss of the Magellan already had been reported.

CARRIES ARMS FOR DEFENCE.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 18.—A British merchant steamship (name eliminated by censor) was due to arrive at this port, appearing outside the harbor yesterday morning, but being defensively armed passed by after getting into communication by wireless telegraphy with the agency here of her owners. The Dutch government considers armed steamships as war vessels.

FLYWEIGHT CHAMP WINS.

London, Dec. 18.—Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of England, knocked out Frankie Dimelf, known as Young Zulu Kid, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the 11th round of their match here to-day.

MAY WHEAT HIGHER AT CLOSE OF MARKET

(By Wise & Co.)
Chicago, Dec. 18.—The wheat market was steady to-day, the range of trading in May wheat between high and low being about three and a half points. During the early trading May wheat sold down from the opening sale of 15 1/2 to 15 1/4, but at the close rallied and closed at 15 1/2. Corn and oats stronger. May corn advanced about a point and a half over Saturday's close.

The government new winter wheat report shows an increase of 85,000 or 2 1/2 per cent. Total acreage 4,000,000, making the report very bearish. Liverpool wheat unchanged to 3d. lower, but No. 1 Northern Manitoba is 4d. higher than the last quotation on Thursday, Dec. 14. Corn is up 1/2 to 3/4. Wheat on 15 1/2, but at the close rallied and closed at 15 1/2. Corn and oats stronger. May corn advanced about a point and a half over Saturday's close.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	152	153	151 1/2	152 1/2
May	152 1/2	153 1/2	151 1/2	152 1/2
July	152 1/2	153 1/2	151 1/2	152 1/2
Corn—				
Dec.	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92 1/2
May	91 1/2	92	91 1/2	92 1/2
Oats—				
Dec.	49 1/2	50	49 1/2	50 1/2
May	49 1/2	50	49 1/2	50 1/2
Minneapolis Grain.				
Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109 1/2
May	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109 1/2
July	108 1/2	109	108 1/2	109 1/2

NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By Wise & Co.)	High	Low	Ask
Am. Copperfields	2	1	1
Am. Copper	2	1	1
Crown Reserve	45	50	50
Em. Phone	105	110	110
Goldfield	45	50	50
Hollinger	61	65	65
Howe Sound	61	65	65
Kerr Lake	42	45	45
Jerome Verde	24	25	25
Green Monster	24	25	25
Big Ledge	41	45	45
Inspiration Needles	41	45	45
La Rose	55	60	60
Magma	40	45	45
Mines of Am.	40	45	45
Nipissing	40	45	45
Standard Lead	14	15	15
Stewart	20	25	25
Submarine	20	25	25
Success	20	25	25
Tonapah	20	25	25
Tonapah Helm	40	45	45
Yukon	40	45	45
United Verde Ext.	30	35	35
Tonapah Ext.	40	45	45
Mason Valley	40	45	45

New York, Dec. 18.—Lead, 75 1/2 @ 77 1/2; spelter unsettled; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 109 1/2. At London: Lead, 230 1/2; spelter, 255. Copper unsettled; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, 22 1/2 @ 23 1/2; nominal. Iron steady; No. 1 Nor., 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2; No. 2, 23 1/2 @ 24 1/2. Tin quiet; spot, 42 1/2 @ 43 1/2. At London: Spot copper, 212 1/2; futures, 213 1/2; electrolytic, 212 1/2; spot tin, 213 1/2; futures, 213 1/2.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)
Montreal, Dec. 18.—Fluctuations in today's local market were erratic; particularly during the forenoon session when recessions from the opening quotations were made. The afternoon market, however, showed considerable strength in some stocks, notably Detroit United and Civil Power. The investment demand for the latter has been good for some time. The general market was quieter 60-day than for some days, and its immediate action probably will be determined by the fluctuations in sentiment regarding peace.

High	Low	Close
Brascan L. H. & P.	44 1/2	44 1/2
Bell Telephone	147 1/2	147 1/2
Canada Car	44 1/2	44 1/2
Canada Cement	64 1/2	64 1/2
Can. Cotton	50 1/2	50 1/2
Can. Ice	29 1/2	29 1/2
Can. S. S.	92 1/2	92 1/2
Do. pref.	29 1/2	29 1/2
Detroit United	126 1/2	126 1/2
Dom. Bridge	172 1/2	172 1/2
Dom. Iron, com.	73 1/2	73 1/2
Dom. Text.	54 1/2	54 1/2
Dom. Loan	126 1/2	126 1/2
Dom. Woods	126 1/2	126 1/2
Laurentide Paper Co.	192 1/2	192 1/2
Montreal Cotton	102 1/2	102 1/2
Mont. Tram, com.	43 1/2	43 1/2
N. Scotia Steel & C.	122 1/2	122 1/2
Ogilvie	146 1/2	146 1/2
P. Can.	71 1/2	71 1/2
Quebec Railway	42 1/2	42 1/2
Shaw, W. & P. Co.	130 1/2	130 1/2
Spanish River, com.	174 1/2	174 1/2
Steel Co. Can., com.	124 1/2	124 1/2
Twin City Elec.	78 1/2	78 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	126 1/2	126 1/2
Riordan	126 1/2	126 1/2
Ont. Steel	57 1/2	57 1/2
Can. P.	60 1/2	60 1/2
Wayss-Freitag	100 1/2	100 1/2
Weymann	100 1/2	100 1/2
Civic	81 1/2	81 1/2
Con. M. & S.	35 1/2	35 1/2
Lyall	70 1/2	70 1/2
Dom. Loan	126 1/2	126 1/2
Dom. Loan (new)	126 1/2	126 1/2
Amor, pref.	59 1/2	59 1/2
Do., com.	21 1/2	21 1/2
McDonald	126 1/2	126 1/2
Loco	56 1/2	56 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	114 1/2	114 1/2

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Wheat closed 1/2 up for December and 3/4 up for May. Oats were 1/2 up for December and 1/4 up for May. Barley gained 1/2 to 1/4. Flax was 1/2 up for December and 1/4 up for May. In spite of an undercurrent of nervousness, there was a firm tone to the trade here. The sentiment was bullish, but the trade was curtailed by the possibilities of the premier's speech on Tuesday. Some good buying featured the morning session, when commission houses with American connections bought some May wheat. Cash wheat was fair with the top grades poor and the low grades in better demand. Offerings were light. Oats were better, barley fair and flax indifferent.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

High	Low	Ask
Blackbird Syndicate	18 1/2	20 1/2
Can. Copper Co.	17 1/2	20 1/2
Can. Cons. S. & A.	41 1/2	44 1/2
Coronation Gold	45 1/2	48 1/2
Granby	92 1/2	95 1/2
Int. Copal & Coke Co.	104 1/2	107 1/2
Lucky Jim Zinc	124 1/2	127 1/2
McClintock Coal	14 1/2	17 1/2
P. C. Tunnels	45 1/2	48 1/2
Portland Canal	14 1/2	17 1/2
Rambler Cariboo	14 1/2	17 1/2
Standard Lead	14 1/2	17 1/2
Sawtooth	54 1/2	57 1/2
Stewart M. & D.	75 1/2	78 1/2
Slocan Star	35 1/2	38 1/2
Stewart Land	7 1/2	10 1/2
Glacier Creek	34 1/2	37 1/2
Island Investment	20 1/2	23 1/2
Union Coal (Deb.), new	40 1/2	43 1/2
Do. old	50 1/2	53 1/2
Howe Sound M. Co.	6 1/2	9 1/2
Colonial Pulp	45 1/2	48 1/2
Pingree Mines	39 1/2	42 1/2

PANDORA STREET WIDENING APPEAL

Objection of B. C. Electric Con-
cluded and City Case
Commenced

The appeal against the right of the court of revision to confirm the assessment against the Pandora Street property was continued this morning in the supreme court before Mr. Justice Clement, and after a long argument was again adjourned until to-morrow. Harold Robertson, instructed by A. D. King, appeared for the company and F. A. McDiarmid, instructed by the city solicitor, acted for the city.

Mr. Robertson, in concluding his case, said that their property was a mile from the part of the street which was improved. They did not object to the improvement being made, but what they objected to was to be assessed for the work. This was the first opportunity they had of appealing against it. The court of revision had no right to make an assessment as this should be set by the whole council.

His Lordship, if a person were purchasing the land during the time the war was in progress, was there any way of finding out what was against it?

Mr. Robertson replied that there was not as there was no official record in the land registry office or in the city hall.

Mr. McDiarmid, in opening his case, said that the city had the right to determine what lands were benefited

by the improvement. There was no question of the right of the city to do local improvement work. The council asked the city assessor to associate himself with two others in order to make a recommendation as to how the cost of the expenditure should be apportioned. The scheme was to make a direct highway from one end of the city to the other. These men evolved a scheme and reported and then the work started under the by-law. Notice was posted according to statute and a resolution was passed making it possible to assess in varying degrees according to the value to the different properties and giving power to the engineer and assessor to make the assessment and determine how much each property should pay.

The council then passed a by-law embodying the resolution and providing for the borrowing of money, on debentures to be later issued against the properties and guaranteed by the city. A second by-law was later passed providing for the increased cost caused by the advance in prices of property, the original estimate having proved to be too low. Another by-law was passed giving the right to raise the money by treasury bills, and the work was carried out.

Mr. Raymond's affidavit showed that the sum of \$191,000 was raised on treasury bills. If the court made it impossible for the court of revision to confirm the assessment the purchasers of the property would be out of their money, as it would be illegal to pay for it out of the general revenue, no by-law having been passed to give them the right to do so. He claimed that the supreme court should not decide against the assessment without hearing from the purchasers of the treasury bills. While this amount was only \$271,000 there were other amounts of over a million involved in similar cases. These people should have a chance to be heard.

His Lordship here remarked that he thought their case would be well looked after by Mr. McDiarmid.

Continuing counsel showed that the B. C. Electric Railway Co. purchased the land in July, 1914, about three years after the commencement of the local improvement proceedings. They were not a party to the assessment as, according to the statute, the original owner was the one to whom they looked for the payments. The B. C. Electric he claimed had no status at that court, their relief being to appear before the court of assessment.

His Lordship did not seem willing to admit this as the charge was against the property which the company now owned.

Mr. McDiarmid then went on to argue that the proper legal notice had been given in order to comply with the act, and the case was still going on when the court adjourned until to-morrow morning.

HAS IMPORTANT DUTY

Lieut.-Col. Matthews is President of
Canadian Commission in
England.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. Matthews, D. S. O., who has relatives at Metchesia and many friends in Victoria and other parts of the province, has been appointed president of the commission appointed for the purpose of dealing with unattached Canadian officers in England. Both as a soldier and leader he has distinguished himself, and after being wounded at Langemarck he was made commandant of the officers' training corps at Shorncliffe. Last summer he came to Victoria on three months leave and returned in September.

Col. Matthews is the owner of an extensive ranch in the Nicola Valley. He left as major with the 1st B. C. Horse and at Valcartier transferred to the 26th Winnipeg Rifles. He succeeded Col. Lipsett in command of the 5th Battalion.

OFFICERS' GREETING

Captains Hayward and Wood, of 1st
Pioneers, Wish to Be Remembered.

Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P. P., of Cowichan, and Capt. Cory Wood have requested Pte. Albert Heald to convey to their friends in Victoria their Christmas greetings, as owing to their duties at the front it will be impossible for them to write to any except the immediate members of their families.

The two gentlemen were present at the time Pte. Heald was writing to his brother, S. J. Heald, of Esquimalt, and it was at that time they made the request. Both these officers are well known in Victoria, where they have many friends, and these are asked to accept this intimation.

Capt. Hayward and Capt. Wood both left with the 1st Canadian Pioneers which were recruited under Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, and in which Major Macdonnell was an active spirit. Col. Hodgins has been transferred to other work, and Major Macdonnell is in command with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. The unit has done some excellent work at the front and is still actively engaged.

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BY-ELECTION RESULTS AS RECORDED SO FAR

Five Ministers Returned by Ac-
clamation, Two Opposed;
One Deferred

Re-elected by Acclamation.
Victoria—Hon. H. C. Brewster.
Nanaimo—Hon. William Sloan.
Dewdney—Hon. John Oliver.
Cranbrook—Hon. J. H. King.
Greenwood—Hon. J. D. MacLean.

Re-election Contested.
Vancouver—Hon. M. A. Macdonald, K. C., and Hon. Ralph Smith, opposed by D. E. McTaggart.

Deferred Election.
Prince Rupert—Hon. T. D. Pattullo (December 22 and 29).

Above is given in brief form the results of the by-elections rendered necessary by the acceptance of office by the members of the Brewster ministry, so far as they have taken place.

The details of the premier's nomination and the election of his re-election by acclamation were given in these columns on Saturday afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Brewster, asks the Times to convey to every elector in Victoria, he being a representative of every one of them, without regard to their political affiliations, his heartfelt thanks for the signal honor they have done him at two elections within the year in placing him at the head of the poll, and now, on the assumption of the arduous duties of office, in endorsing him and his administration by a re-election without contest.

The premier briefly repeated his pledge to give the province clean, honest, efficient, economical government, and to develop and build up the natural and industrial resources of the country.

Hon. William Sloan, minister of mines, was at 1 o'clock the same afternoon declared re-elected without a contest. The result was received with cheers by the large crowd of the popular minister's friends and admirers who had gathered at the court house to hear Returning Officer Thomas B. Booth make the statutory announcement of the result.

The nomination papers of the minister were signed by Richard Booth, as proposer; George A. Beattie, as seconder; and Henry Shepherd, William Newbury and Edward Charles Gibson as assentors. Alec Forrester signed as witness to the minister's acceptance of the nomination.

Hon. Mr. Sloan returned here in the afternoon in order to be present at Sir Robert Borden's meeting in the evening. Speaking to the Times, the minister of mines expressed his grateful appreciation of the honor his constituency had done him, both at the general election and now, in tendering him such an unmistakable token of their confidence.

"I need not assure my constituents, nor anyone who knows me," added the minister, "that the government of which I have the honor to be a member under such a splendid leader will bend its every energy to the development of the resources of the province, with the object of bringing about an unequalled era of prosperity in British Columbia."

Word from Cranbrook and Greenwood yesterday was to the effect that Hon. Dr. King and Hon. Dr. MacLean were both re-elected in their respective constituencies. The re-election of Hon. John Oliver, in Dewdney was announced on Saturday afternoon.

Mention was also made of the action of D. E. McTaggart, who labels himself a Liberal, in putting himself up as a candidate in Vancouver, where he nominally opposes the attorney-general but actually opposes the minister of finance as well.

The by-election in Prince Rupert had to be deferred on account of the distances to be traveled in posting the proclamation. Nominations take place on Saturday next and polling, if any, a week later. There will be no opposition to Mr. Pattullo, however.

NANAIMO MAN IS KILLED IN ACTION

Trooper Charles Morrison, of 11th C.
M. R., Makes Supreme
Sacrifice.

Word was received in Nanaimo on Saturday to the effect that Trooper Charles Morrison of the 11th C. M. R. had been killed in action. The dead soldier was a native of Nanaimo, aged 21 years and was prominent in local athletic circles. For some time he was employed by the Imperial Oil Co., and prior to his departure for the front was working for Mr. J. S. Knarston, a grocer. His parents now reside in Drumheller, Alberta.

ANOTHER UNIT AUTHORIZED B. C. Horse to Raise 250 Men at Ver- non for Overseas Service.

The Okanagan valley will have another opportunity to raise a local unit, the 30th B. C. Horse having just received authorization to raise a draft of 250 men under Lieut.-Col. Perry. This unit has its headquarters at Vernon, and it will draw support from the whole of the surrounding country. The men who are prepared for overseas duty will be sent to reinforce the 2nd C. M. R. which left Victoria early in 1915. The authorization of this unit is in line with the policy of the military authorities in raising only small units for the reinforcing of the battalions now at the front.

The young fellow who is willing to do a little more than his share is going to be the man that later on the shirkers will say is getting more than his share.

BOMBING INSTRUCTOR

Capt. McGuire, at Present With 143rd
Battalion, Received 27 Wounds.

Capt. M. V. McGuire has been appointed superintendent of bombing for this military district and is at present giving instruction to the 143rd at Beacon Hill. He brings from the front the very latest ideas in bombing work, and his experience will prove of great value to the local units.

Capt. McGuire left here with the 2nd C. M. R. under Lieut.-Col. Bott and was severely wounded by the bursting of a shell, at which time he received no less than 27 wounds. In spite of this he has recovered sufficiently to be able to do good service in training men for the work overseas. Before joining the army he was a surveyor, and in England was a member of the Royal Horse Artillery. For four years previous to the outbreak of war he was a member of the B. C. Horse with headquarters at Vernon.

FATHER FINN

Of the First Royal Dublin Fusiliers
killed while landing with his regi-
ment at Gallipoli April 25, 1915.

PRELUDE.
Did ye never hear the least
Of Father Finn?
Sure, there never was a priest
Like Father Finn.
O, the boys are all in tears
In the Dublin Fusiliers,
They have lost the friend of years,
Father Finn.

The Song of Father Finn.
We were in the Dardanelles,
Just the same as history tells,
It was raining German shells,
Like sin.

And the men were feeling grand,
For they knew they were to land;
But the keenest of the band
Was Father Finn.

"Go in, me boys, and win!"
Said Father Finn,
"And—come and see ye win."
Said Father Finn.

He was kind and he was mild,
Was Father Finn.
He was gentle as a child,
Father Finn.

He was brave among the brave,
Where the battle standards wave;
And Gallipoli's grave
Of Father Finn.

The cannon of the fleet
Drowned the tramp of forming feet,
And our engines' steady beat,
Steaming in.

The boats were hanging low,
And the screws were turning slow;
When an order came below
For Father Finn.
"That the priest was 'not to go,"
That's Father Finn.

O, an angry father thin
Was Father Finn.
"I must go to shrieve the men,"
Said Father Finn.

"There's a message in my mind
From the Saviour old mankind,
Would Christ have stayed behind?"
Said Father Finn.

"Who died to shrieve our sin?"
Said Father Finn.

The balls began to ship,
As we started on the trip;
But the first to leave the ship
Was Father Finn.

With a smile upon his face,
And a joke, he took his place,
"Now, boys, we'll have a race,"
Said Father Finn.

"And I bet my boat'll win,"
Said Father Finn.

O, a happy father thin
Was Father Finn.
He was laughing as the boats
Came racing in;

But the shots poured from the crest;
And down, among the rest,
Fell the bravest and the best,
Father Finn.

With a bullet through his breast,
Father Finn.

He was down among the lee
Of his blood-enraptured sea;
But he struggled to his knees,
Father Finn.

He raised his hand and blest us,
"And I pardon all your sin,"
Said Father Finn.

"Go in, me boys, and win!"
Gaped Father Finn.

Sure, there never was a priest
Like Father Finn.
Other priests are not the least
Like Father Finn.

O, the boys are all in tears,
In the Dublin Fusiliers,
They have lost the friend of years,
Father Finn.

And their hearts are in the grave
With Father Finn.

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ganizers on a charge of treason, has
stirred Sydney to a remarkable extent.
The subject was referred to by W. J.
Wardle, a prominent business man
with connections in the principal cities
of the Commonwealth, in conversation
of Saturday. He is now on a business
tour, and stated that the papers seized
in the I. W. W. quarters showed an
effort to set fire to Sydney by a series
of simultaneous outbreaks, and a wide-
spread determination to intimidate. It
was clear the movement had been

started by men from the Pacific coast,
who carried with them the ideas of the
Industrial Workers to undermine the
present fabric of society.

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in the grain and oil business, and he
discussed the situation which has been
created by state control of sales. "We
did not like it at first," he said, "no
merchants care for intervention in
their business, but the necessity of the
empire admits of no alternative. I do
not think there is any justification in
the rumors of Australian wheat being
exported to America, because the em-
bargo would put a stop to it going out
at this time.

"A large quantity of California oil is
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appear to be the Californian product.
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